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Needle Pointers

Here is a suggestion for hanging up half aprons. Usually they have to have the ties tied every time they are hung up—and the result is inconvenience and a wrinkled bow the next time you tie the apron strings. Try sewing a loop onto the inside of the back at each side where the ties join the apron (underneath of course). Make it of white tape or a scrap of material matching the apron.

If you make your own dresses or have them made, keep a record of your basic measurements on a card in your sewing basket. Many minutes spent in measuring will thus be saved. These are the basic measurements dressmakers require: neck; bust; waist; front waist length (top center of shoulder to waist over fullest part of bust); back waist length (waist to base of neck); back width (armhole to armhole across shoulder blades); hip (widest part); front skirt length; back skirt length. Frequently also you will need to know: shoulder length (neck to top of arm); sleeve length (wrist to shoulder, arm slightly bent); underarm sleeve length (armpit to wrist, arm straight); arm-hole (top of arm bone around back to an inch below armpit); upper arm (around fullest part); and wrist.

In textile painting or stenciling, if some paint should happen to get in the wrong place, quickly douse the spot with cold water and rub it between the fingers, using Lava soap or a soap powder. Then rinse with cold water.

"Bamboo" Place Mat

(As Shown on Front Cover)

For the place mat, you will need about 400 yards each of gold, green and turquoise Lily FROST-TONE Crochet Cotton. It is made with three strands of thread. The bamboo and leaf spray uses Lily DOUBLE QUICK Mercerized Crochet Cotton in black (about 75 yards is sufficient for one mat). You will also need sizes 1 and 3 steel crochet hooks. For best results, crochet tightly. The finished mat measures about 12 by 18 inches.

Abbreviations: Ch (chain); sk (skip); lp (loop); st (stitch); sl st (slip stitch); sp (space); sc (single crochet); dc (double crochet); hdc (half double crochet)—thread over once, pull lp through, thread over and pull through all 3 lps at once; tr (treble)—thread over twice, work off 2 lps at a time.

Place Mat—Using one strand of each color of FROST-TONE and number 1 crochet hook, make a 15-inch chain.

Row 1: Dc in 4th ch from hook, * sk 1 ch, dc in next ch, dc back in skipped ch (cross stitch made), dc in next ch; repeat from * for 11½ inches. Cut and rip excess chain.

Row 2: Ch 3, turn, dc in first dc, * sk first dc of next cross st, dc in next dc, dc back in skipped dc, dc in next dc between cross sts; repeat from * across through end dc. Do not work in end ch 3. Be careful to make cross sts in cross sts of previous row.

Repeat row 2 for 17½ inches.

Edge: Continuing across long side, 2 sc in corner, sc between first 2 rows, * 3 sc in next ch 3 sp, (sc between rows) twice; repeat from * across; 3 sc in corner, (sk 1 st, 3 sc in next st, sk 1 st, sc in next 2 sts) repeated across end; ** 3 sc in corner, 3 sc in first ch 3 sp, (sc between rows) twice; repeat from * to **; join and fasten off.

Left Bamboo Spray—(Main Stem)
With black DOUBLE QUICK thread and number 3 hook, make a 7-inch ch, sk 1 ch, * hdc in each of next 10 ch, holding back the last lp of each tr on hook, make tr in each of next 2 ch, thread over and draw through all 3 lps on hook at same time for a cluster; repeat from * to end of ch; fasten off. Turn wrong-side-up and sew on mat 3¼ inches to right from bottom left corner, across corner to 5½ inches above corner.

Leaf Spray—* Ch 20, sl st in second ch from hook, ch 2, sk 2 ch, hdc in next ch, (ch 2, sk 2 ch, dc in next ch) 3 times, ch 2, sk 2 ch, hdc in next ch, ch 2, sk 2 ch, sl st in end ch, repeat from * 3 times (4 leaves); ch 20, sk 1 ch, sl st in each remaining ch, sk last 3 leaves, sl st in base of next leaf; fasten off. Sew end of stem to bottom of main stem on right side and sew leaves in place as shown in illustration. Make 2 leaves and sew midway up main stem on left side. Make 4 leaves and a ch 30 stem (as for first leaf spray). Sew stem 1 inch above last leaves, on right side of main stem, and sew leaves as in illustration.

Right Bamboo Spray—(Main Stem)
Make a 12½ inch ch (to reach across mat) and work as for first main stem. Turn wrong-side-up and sew across right end of mat 2¾ inches from bottom corner to 4¾ inches from top corner. Make 4 leaves and sew midway of main stem on right side. Make 3 leaves and a ch 30 stem. Sew stem midway of main stem on left side. Make 4 leaves and a ch 30 stem. Sew stem at same place and sew leaves as shown in illustration.

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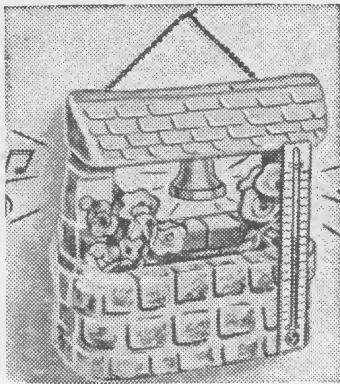
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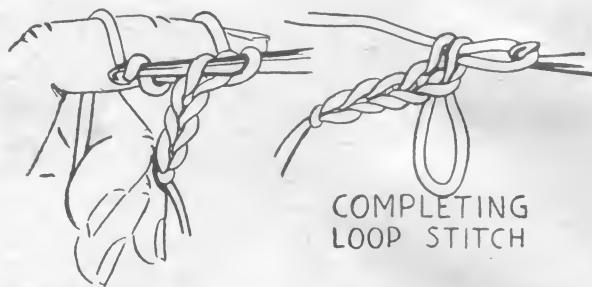
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Abbreviations: Ch (chain); sk (skip); sl st (slip stitch); sc (single crochet); dc (double crochet); rnd (round); hdc (half double crochet)—thread over, insert hook in st and pull lp through, thread over and pull through all 3 lps at once; lp st (loop stitch)—to make the lp st—cut piece of cardboard the width of lp desired. Row 1: Insert hook in next st, holding cardboard in back of work, wind yarn around it from back to front (towards you), catch yarn and pull through st, thread over and complete sc. Repeat for each lp. Row 2: Sc in each lp. Repeat these 2 rows for desired number of times. If you prefer you may use your index finger instead of cardboard. Lp dc (loop double crochet); dec (decrease)—hold last lp of 2 dc on hook, thread over and work off all lps at once.



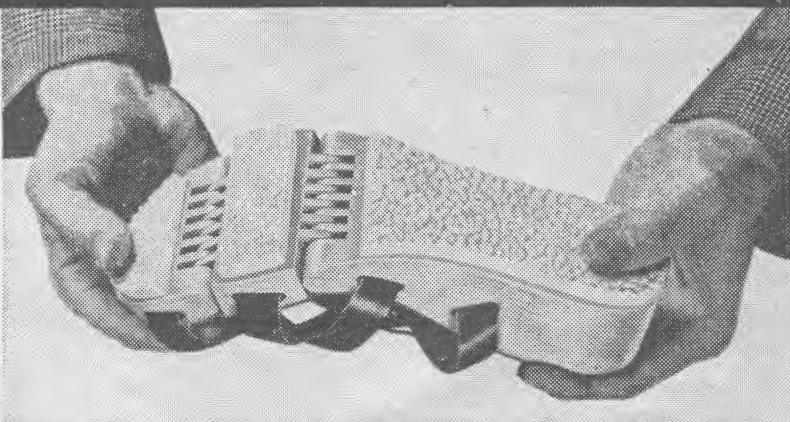
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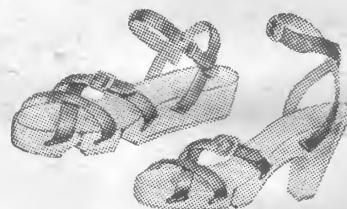
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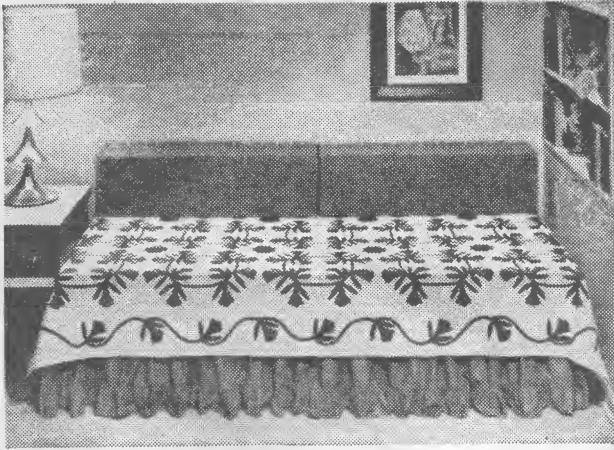
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Row 3: Dc in each lp st of previous row. Ch 1, turn.

Row 4: Make 1 lp st in each dc of previous row. Ch 3, turn.

Repeat the last 2 rows 5 times.

Row 15: * Dc in each of the next 8 lp sts of previous row, 1 dec (work 2 dc, holding last lp of each on hook, thread over and work off all lps at once). Repeat from * to end of row. Ch 1, turn.

Row 16: Make 1 lp st in each st of previous row, ch 3, turn. Do not cut yarn.

Front (Right Side)—Row 17: Dc in each of the next 29 sts, ch 1, turn. Counting the ch 3 as one there are 30 sts in this row.

Row 18: Make a lp st in each st of previous row, ch 3, turn.

Repeat rows 17 and 18 three times. Cut yarn.

Front (Left Side)—Row 17: Join yarn at 30th st from front edge and work toward front.

Dc in each st of previous row, ch 1, turn.

Row 18: Make a lp st in each st of previous row, ch 3, turn. Repeat rows 17 and 18 three times, ch 12, leave a small piece of yarn to sew to back. Fasten off.

Back of Sweater—Sk 8 sts from right front. Attach yarn.

Row 17: Ch 3, dc in each of next 52 sts of previous row leaving 8 sts for armhole, ch 1, turn. (Counting ch 3 as 1 there are 53 sts in this row).

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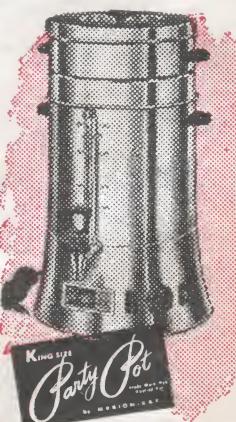


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to first st of left front to form armhole. Cut yarn.

Join ch 12 of left front to back with a sl st to form other armhole.

Row 25: With right side of work toward you, join yarn to first st of right side. Ch 3, dc in each of the next 7 sts, 1 dec, * dc in each of next 8 sts, 1 dec, repeat from * across, 1 dec in last 2 sts. Ch 1, turn.

Row 26: Make 1 lp st in each dc of previous row, ch 3, turn.

Repeat rows 25 and 26 once. Do not break yarn.

Yoke of Sweater—Row 29: Ch 3, turn, 1 dc in each of next 3 sts in previous row, 1 dec, * 1 dc in each of next 4 sts, 1 dec, repeat from * across row. Ch 3, turn.

Row 30: * Dc in each of next 2 sts of previous row, 1 dec, repeat from * across row, ending with 3 dc, ch 3, turn.

Row 31: Dc in next dc, 1 dec, * dc in each of next 2 dc, 1 dec, repeat from * across row, ending with dc in top of turning ch. Ch 3, turn.

Row 32: Dc in each st across row. Ch 1, turn.

Row 33: Sc in each st across row. Fasten off.

To make the loops for buttonholes, join yarn in st at beginning of row 29, ch 1, sc in same st, ch 2, 2 sc in center of dc beginning row 31, ch 2, 2 sc in center of dc beginning row 33. Fasten off.

Sleeves—Ch 40. Join with sl st, ch 1, turn.

Row 1: 1 sc in each st of ch, ch 3, turn.

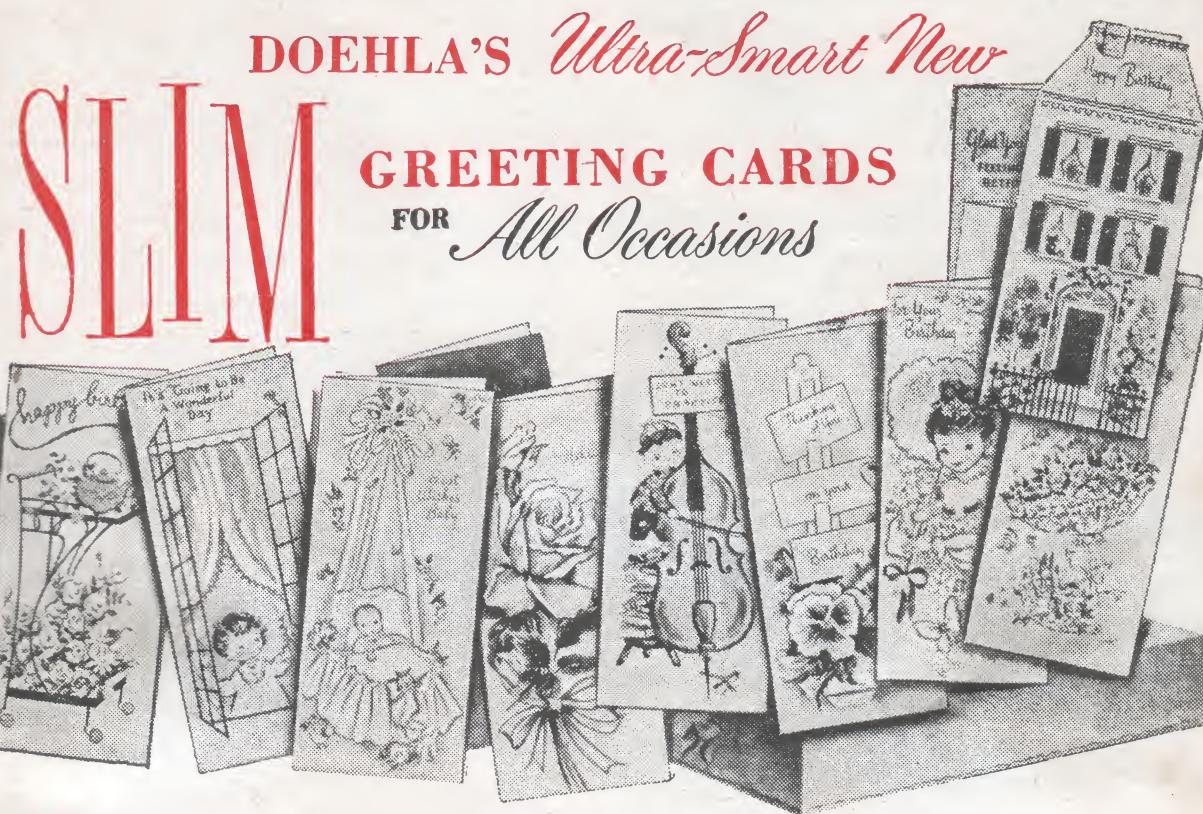
Row 2: 1 dc in each st of previous row, ch 3, turn.

Repeat row 2 once, ch 1, turn.

Row 4: 1 lp st in each st of previous row, ch 3, turn.

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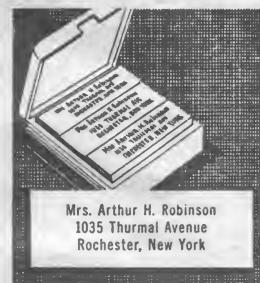
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Row 5: 2 dc in first lp st of previous row, 1 dc in each of the remaining sts, ch 1, turn.

Row 6: 1 lp st in each dc of previous row, ch 3, turn.

Repeat rows 5 and 6 seven times. Cut yarn, leaving enough to sew sleeve to armhole. Make a second sleeve and sew to sweater.

Bonnet—Rnd 1: With size 3 hook ch 4, make 11 dc in fourth st from hook, join with a sl st to top st of ch 4. Ch 1, turn.

Rnd 2: 2 lp sts in each st of previous rnd, ch 3, turn. There are 24 lp sts in this rnd.

Rnd 3: Dc at base of ch 3, * dc in next lp st, 2 dc in next lp st. Repeat from * around, sl st in first dc, ch 1, turn.

Rnd 4: 1 lp st in each st of previous rnd, sl st to first lp st. Ch 3, turn.

Rnd 5: Dc at base of ch 3, * dc in each of next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, repeat from * around, sl st to first dc, ch 1, turn.

Rnd 6: 1 lp st in each dc of previous rnd, sl st to first lp st, ch 3, turn.

Repeat rnds 5 and 6 twice.

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Rnd 11: Dc in each lp st of previous rnd, sl st to first dc, ch 1, turn.

Rnd 12: Lp st in each st of previous rnd, sl st to first lp st, ch 3, turn.

Rnd 13: Do not crochet on last 20 sts of this rnd. Dc in each of the remaining sts, ch 1, turn.

Rnd 14: Lp st in each st of previous rnd, ch 3, turn.

Rnd 15: Dc in each st of previous rnd, ch 1, turn.

Rnd 16: Repeat rnd 14.

Rnd 17: Repeat rnd 15.

Rnd 18: Repeat rnd 14.

Rnd 19: Dc in each st of previous rnd, ch 3, turn.

Rnd 20: Dc in each st of previous rnd, ch 3, turn.

Repeat rnd 20 once, ch 1, turn.

Rnd 22: Lp st in each st of previous rnd, ch 3, turn.

Rnd 23: Dc in each st of previous rnd, ch 1, turn.



Rnd 24: Lp st in each st of previous rnd, continue across bottom of front with 1 sc in each row, sc in each st at back and 1 sc in each row at other side of front. Fasten off. Place ribbon and bows at both front corners.

Bootees—Leg: With size 3 hook, ch 34 loosely, join with sl st, ch 1.

Row 1: Sc in each st of ch, sl st in first sc (33 sc), ch 3.

Row 2: 1 lp dc in each st of previous row. (To make lp dc—yarn over hook, insert hook in st, with yarn across left forefinger in position for regular crochet wind around finger once, insert

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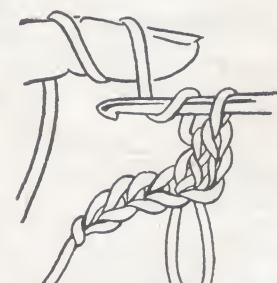
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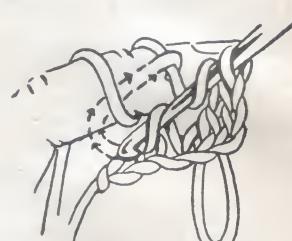


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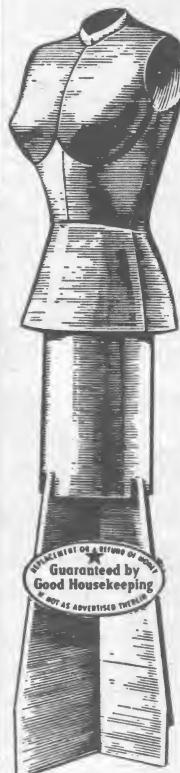
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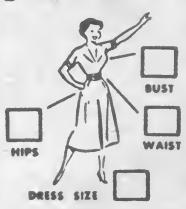
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hook under second lp from finger tip and pick up lp nearest finger tip, pull through st (holding lp on finger) and work off 2 lps at a time as for regular dc). When lp dc is used the work does not have to be turned for each row. Sl st in top of turning ch, ch 3.

Repeat row 2 four times.

Row 7: Dc in each st across row to form beading, sl st in top of turning ch. Do not break yarn.

Instep: With smooth side toward you, fasten another strand of yarn to 12th dc of beading row.

Row 1: Starting in same st where yarn is fastened work 9 lp sts across, ch 2, turn.

Row 2: Make 1 hdc in each of 9 sts in previous row, ch 1, turn.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until there are 4 lp rows and 3 hdc rows. Fasten off.

Foot: Picking up yarn at back of work ch 3, make 1 lp dc in each st around leg and instep and 1 lp dc in each row on sides of instep. Repeat this row 3 times. Fasten off.

Sole: Ch 16.

Row 1: 2 sc in second st from hook, 1 sc in 13 sts of ch, 3 sc in end st, 1 sc on other side of each of the 13 ch sts, sl st in turning ch, ch 2.

Row 2: Hdc at base of ch, 2 hdc in each of next 3 sc, 1 hdc in each of next 11 sc, 2 hdc in each of next 5 sc around end, 1 hdc in each of next 11 sc, 2 dc in next sc, sl st in top of ch 2, ch 3.

Row 3: Dc at base of ch 3, 2 dc in each of next 5 hdc, 1 dc in each of next 15 hdc, 2 dc in each of next 6 hdc, 1 dc in each of next 15 hdc, sl st in top of ch 3. Fasten off, leaving enough yarn to sew sole to foot. Start at center front and weave about 18 inches of ribbon through beading row. Make a second bootee in same manner as for first one.

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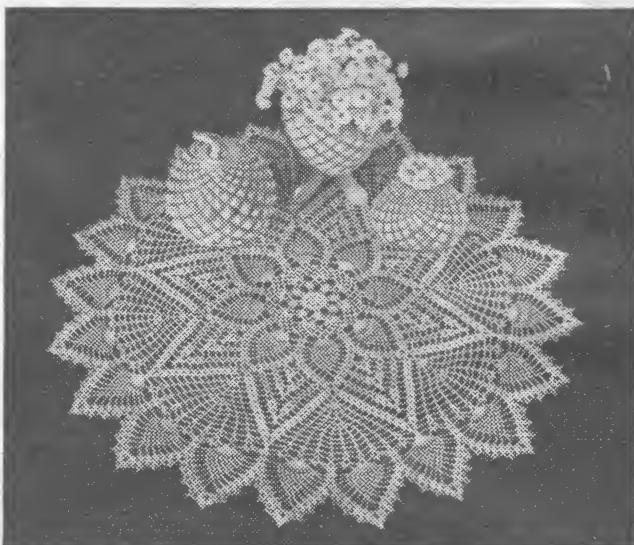


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Abbreviations: Ch (chain); st (stitch); sk (skip); sc (single crochet); dc (double crochet); sl st (slip stitch); lp (loop); rnd (round); tr (treble)—thread over twice, work off 2 lps at a time; dtr (double treble)—thread over 3 times, work off 2 lps at a time; inc (increase).

Ch 8, sl st in first ch to form a ring.

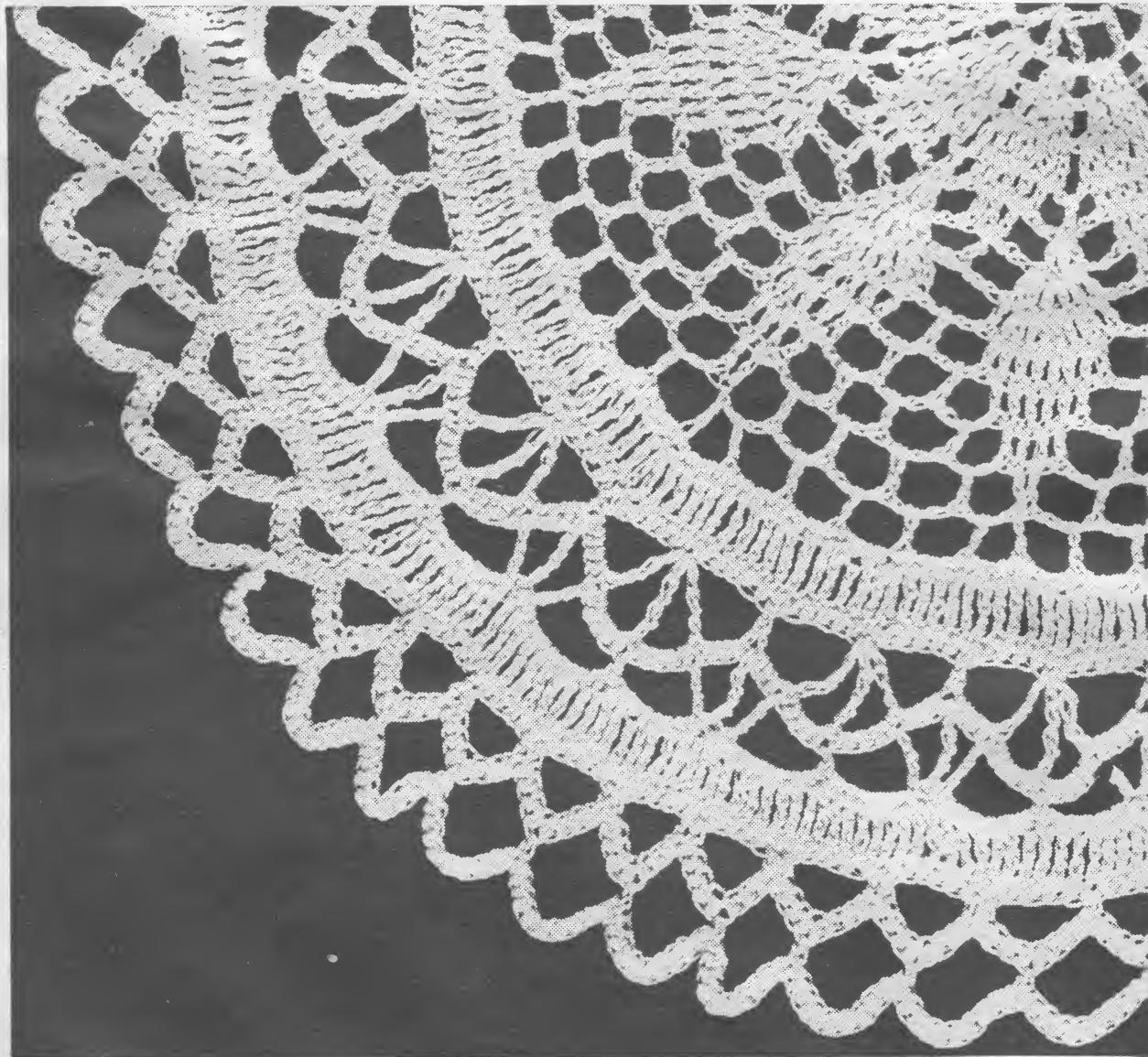
Rnd 1: Ch 5 (for a dc and ch 2), dc

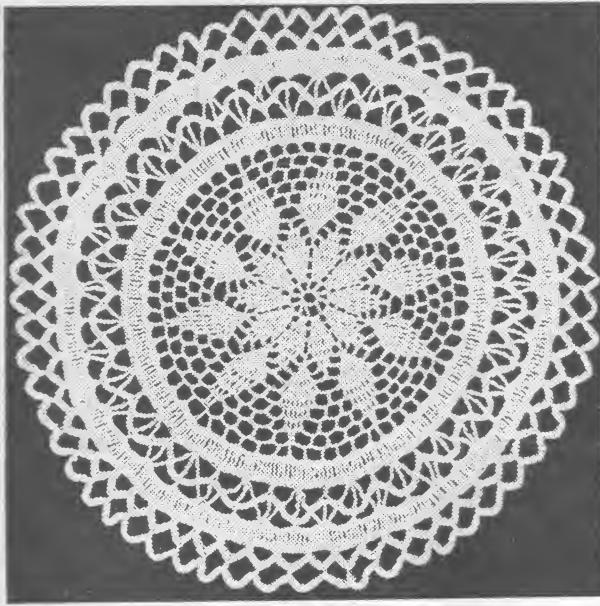
in ring, ch 2, (dc in ring, ch 2) 8 times, join with sl st to third st of ch 5.

Rnd 2: Sl st in next st of ch, ch 3 (for first dc), 2 dc over ch 2, ch 1, (3 dc over next ch 2, ch 1) repeated around, join sl st to top st of ch 3.

Rnd 3: Ch 3, dc at base of ch, dc in center dc, 2 dc in last dc of group, always working in back lp, ch 1, (2 dc in first dc of group, dc in center dc, 2 dc in last dc of group, ch 1) repeated around, sl st to third ch of ch 3 first made.

Rnd 4: Ch 3 (for a dc), dc at base of ch, dc in each of next 3 des, 2 dc





in last dc of group, ch 2, (2 dc in first dc, dc in each of next 3 dc, 2 dc in last dc, ch 2) repeated around, sl st in top of ch 3.

Rnd 5: Sl st to second dc, ch 3, dc in each of next 4 dc, ch 2, dc over ch 2, ch 2, (sk first dc, dc in each of next 5 dc, ch 2, dc over ch 2, ch 2) repeated around, join with sl st in top of first ch 3 made.

Rnd 6: Sl st to second dc, ch 3, dc in each of next 2 dc, ch 3, (3 dc in next dc, ch 3, sk 1 dc of dc group, dc in each of next 3 dc, ch 3) repeated around, join.

Rnd 7: Sl st to center dc, ch 5 (for a dc and ch 2), (2 dc in each of next 3 dc, ch 2, dc in middle dc of ch 3, ch 2) repeated around, join.

Rnd 8: Sl st over to first dc of 6 dc group, ch 3 for first dc, work 9 dc over the 6 dc group (inc of 3 dc evenly spaced), * ch 3, dc in first dc of group, 2 dc in each of next 4 dc, dc in last dc—10 dc in all, repeat from * around, join.

Rnd 9: Sl st to second dc, ch 3, dc in each of next 7 dc, ch 3, dc over ch 3, * ch 3, sk first dc of next dc group, dc in each of next 8 dc, repeat from * around, join.

Rnd 10: Sl st to second dc, ch 3, dc in each of next 5 dc, * ch 3, dc

over ch 3, ch 3, dc over next ch 3, ch 3, sk first dc, dc in each of next 6 dc, repeat from * around.

Rnd 11: Sl st to second dc, ch 3, dc in each of next 3 dc, * (ch 3, dc over ch lp) 3 times, ch 3, sk 1 dc, dc in each of next 4 dc, repeat from * around, join.

Rnd 12: Sl st to second dc, ch 3, dc in next dc, * (ch 3, dc over ch lp) 4 times, ch 3, sk first dc, dc in each of next 2 dc worked off as a cluster, repeat from * around, join.

Rnd 13: Ch 6 (for a dc and a ch 3), (dc over ch 3, ch 3) 5 times, * dc in top of cluster, (ch 3, dc over ch 3) 5 times, ch 3, repeat from * around, join.

Rnd 14: Ch 1, (3 sc over ch 3, sc in dc) repeated around, join.

Rnd 15: Ch 4 (for a tr), tr in each sc around, join.

Rnd 16: Ch 1, sc in each tr around, join.

Rnd 17: Ch 4, *(tr, ch 4, dtr, ch 4, tr) in 5th sc, ch 4, sc in next 5th sc, ch 4, repeat from * around, join. There should be 24 points in all.

Rnd 18: Make 4 sc over ch 4, * 5 sc over each of next 2 ch lps (of points), 4 sc over each of next 2 ch lps, repeat from * around, join.

Rnd 19: Sl st to tip of point, * ch 6, tr in sc over tr (side of point) of rnd 17, dtr in sc between points, tr in sc over next tr of rnd 17, ch 6, sc in tip of next point, repeat from * around, join.

Rnd 20: Ch 1, 6 sc over ch 6 lp, * sc in tr, sk dtr, sc in tr, 6 sc over each of next 2 ch lps, repeat from * around, join.

Rnd 21: Ch 4, tr in each sc around, join.

Rnd 22: Ch 1, sc in each tr around, join.

Rnd 23: * Ch 7, sk 4 sc, sc in each of next 2 sc, repeat from * around, join.

Rnd 24: * Sc in each of first 3 sts

of ch, 2 sc in next, sc in each of last 3 sts of ch, sl st between scs of previous rnd, repeat from * around, join.

Rnd 25: Sl st to tip of point, * ch 9, sc between the 2 sc of next point, repeat from * around.

Rnd 26: * Sc in each of first 4 sts

of ch 9, 2 sc in next, sc in each of last 4 sts of same ch, sl st in sc between points, repeat from * around. Join and fasten off.

Dampen finished piece, starch lightly if desired, pin in true shape and allow to dry thoroughly.

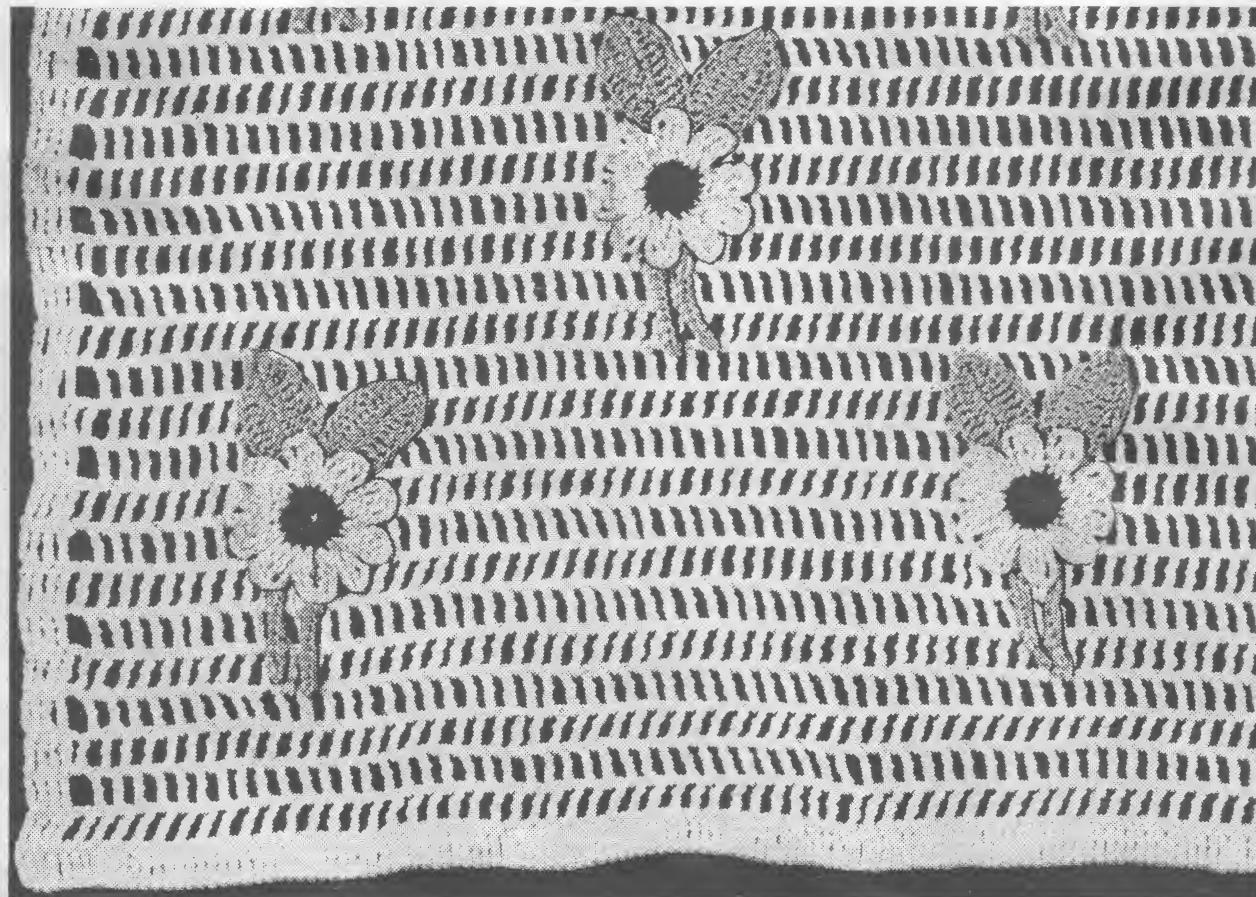
Percale Yard Cloth

Here is a beautiful and most unusual piece of modern crochet. The basic scarf measures about 16 by 36 inches, however it can easily be made any desired length. The leaf and flower motifs are sewn on in an all-over pattern. The sample was made of number 20 mercerized crochet thread in white. You will need one ball of brown tatting thread for the flower centers, one ball each of yellow and green number 30 mercerized crochet thread for the flower petals and leaves; use a size 12 or 13 crochet hook. This

could easily become a tablecloth, if desired.

Abbreviations: Ch (chain); sk (skip); tr (treble)—thread over twice, work off 2 lps at a time; lp (loop); sc (single crochet); hdc (half double crochet)—thread over, insert hook in st, pull lp through (3 lps on hook), thread over and pull through all lps at once; sl st (slip stitch); dc (double crochet); dtr (double treble) — thread over 3 times, work off 2 lps at a time.

Row 1: Ch 272, turn, tr in 4th ch from hook, tr in each ch of foundation



ch. Counting the ch 4 at beginning, there will be 269 trs in all.

Row 2: Ch 4 (counts as 1 tr), sk the first tr of previous row, tr in each of the next 3 trs (this forms the border), (ch 1, sk 1 tr, tr in next tr) 130 times, ch 1, sk 1 tr, tr in each of next 4 trs (makes outer border).

Row 3: Ch 4, turn, sk the first tr, tr in each of next 3 trs, ch 2, sk ch 1 and tr of previous row, tr over the next ch 1 lp, (ch 1 and tr over the next ch 1 lp) 128 more times, ch 2, sk the last tr and ch 1 of previous row, tr in each of next 4 trs.

Row 4: Repeat row 2.

Row 5: Repeat row 3.

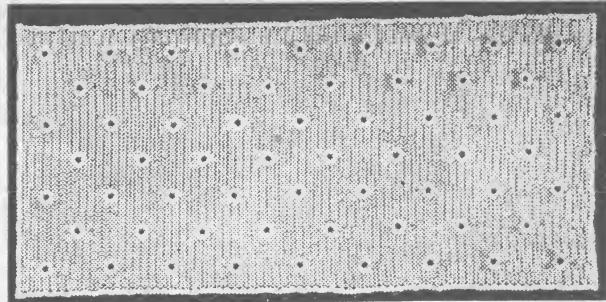
Row 6: Repeat row 2.

Row 7: Repeat row 3. Seven rows of mesh are completed.

Row 8: This row establishes the location for attaching the flower motif. Ch 4, turn, sk the first tr, tr in each of next 3 trs, (ch 1 and tr over the next ch 1 lp) 11 times, tr in next tr, tr over next ch 1 lp—(this makes a 3 tr solid group), (ch 1 and tr over next ch 1 lp) 35 times, tr in next tr, tr over next ch 1 lp—(this makes the second solid group), (ch 1 and tr over next ch 1 lp) 35 times, tr in next tr, tr over next ch 1 lp—(third solid group), (ch 1 and tr over next ch 1 lp) 35 times, tr in next tr, tr over next ch 1 lp—(4th solid group), (ch 1 and tr over next ch 1 lp) 10 times, ch 1, tr in each of next 4 trs.

Row 9: Ch 4, turn, sk the first tr of previous row, tr in each of next 3 trs, ch 2, sk ch 1 and tr of previous row, tr over next ch 1 lp, (ch 1 and tr over next ch 1 lp) 9 times, tr in each of next 3 trs, tr over next ch 1 lp (five trs in the solid group), (ch 1 and tr over the next ch 1 lp) 34 times, 5 trs for the solid group, continue across, ending with border of 4 trs.

Row 10: Ch 4, turn, sk the first tr of previous row, tr in each of next three



trs, (ch 1 and tr over the next ch 1 lp) 10 times, ch 1, sk the first tr of the solid group, tr in each of next 3 trs, (ch 1 and tr over the next ch 1 lp) 34 times, ch 1, sk the first tr of the solid group, tr in each of next 3 trs, continue across, ending with border of 4 trs.

Rows 11, 13 and 15: Repeat row 3.

Rows 12 and 14: Repeat row 2.

Row 16: Ch 4, turn, sk the first tr of previous row, tr in each of next 3 trs, (ch 1 and tr over the next ch 1 lp) 29 times, tr in next tr, tr over next ch 1 lp (makes a 3 tr solid group, and establishes the alternate location for attaching the flower motif), (ch 1 and tr over the next ch 1 lp) 35 times, tr over next tr, tr over next ch 1 lp (second solid group), (ch 1 and tr over

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Row 18: Same as row 10, but having only three solid groups, instead of four.

Continue in like manner for length desired. To balance the basic scarf, end scarf with seven rows of mesh and one row of solid, the same as it was started.

Leaf—Ch 15, sk the ch nearest the hook, in the next 14 chs, work 1 sc, 1 hdc, 1 dc, 8 tr, 1 dc, 1 hdc, 1 sc, ch 1, and repeat this operation on the opposite side of the ch (this completes one leaf), ch 23, sk the ch nearest the hook, sc in each of next 22 chs (this completes one stem), ch 23, and complete the second stem, ch 15, and complete a second leaf in same manner as first leaf. Join and fasten thread, leaving a sufficient length to sew the leaf firmly in place on the solid section of the basic scarf.

Flower Motif—With brown tatting cotton, work one very loose ch, and three chs of ordinary slack, (these three chs count as 1 dc), in the loose ch, work 20 dcs, and join with a sl st in top of ch 3, fasten thread, and weave the short end in.

Fasten yellow thread number 30 in any dc of the brown center, ch 6, dtr in each of next two dcs, ch 6, sl st in same dc as last dtr (this completes one petal), complete 9 more petals in the same manner, fasten off yellow thread, leaving a sufficient length to stitch flower motif loosely around the center, onto the leaf arrangement.

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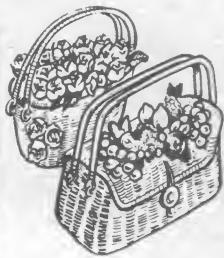


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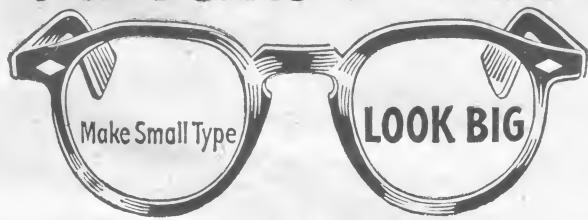


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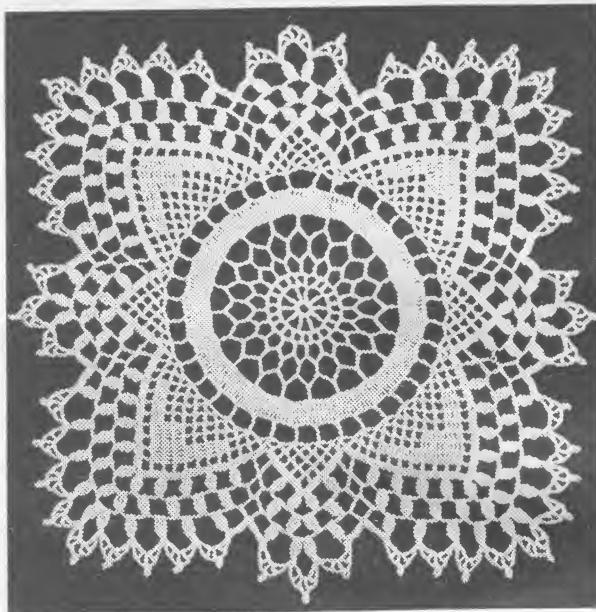
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Abbreviations: Ch (chain); st (stitch); sp (space); dc (double crochet); bl (block)—make 4 dc together to form a bl; tr (treble)—thread over twice, work off 2 lps at a time; p (picot); inc (increase); lp (loop).

Remember that the border is made first and then the center is worked in. Begin with the filet work.

Row 1: For the first row of the small plain point, ch 6, dc in first st to form a triangular sp, ch 5, turn.

Row 2: Dc in third st of triangular sp, ch 2, make another dc in same st (forming a triangular sp), ch 5, turn.

Row 3: Dc in last dc (for a triangular sp), ch 2, dc in dc, ch 2, dc in third ch of ch 5, ch 5, turn.

Continue as before, always chaining 5 when turning and making a triangular sp at base which adds 1 sp in each row. Make 6 rows in all for small

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points. Start next point with a triangular sp. Large points are worked same as small ones and consist of 14 rows. The solid design starts in 5th row.

Row 5: A triangular sp, 2 sps, 1 bl, 1 sp.

Work the next 3 rows the same, inc 1 sp each row.

Row 9: A triangular sp, 4 sps, 3 bls, 1 sp.

Row 10: 1 sp, 3 bls, 5 sps, a triangular sp.

Row 11: A triangular sp, 2 sps, 7 bls, 1 sp.

Row 12: 11 sps, a triangular sp. This completes the points.

Border—Row 1: At outside points of border, make 2 sc in each sp, and sc in each dc, in lp at point make 3 sc, ch 1, 3 sc.

Row 2: Cluster sts are made of 3 tr worked off together. Make a cluster in every 6th st and ch 6 between them. At points make 2 cluster sts (sk 1 st) and ch 7 between them. Between scallops ch 5, a tr in 6th st (from last cluster st), leaving last 2 lps on hook, make another tr in 4th st of next scallop, work off together.

Row 3: Make cluster sts over chs of previous row, ch 6 between them (ch 7 at points) and between scallops ch 5 and make 2 dc.

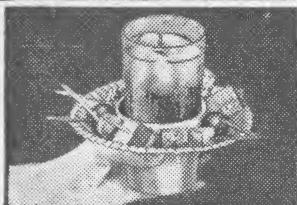
Row 4: Same as third row, but ch 11 between cluster sts (ch 12 at points).

Row 5: Between scallops make 6 sc over the ch 5, * sk first st of large ch lp, sc in next st, ch 3, sk 2 sts, dc in next st, ch 3, dc in next st, a p of ch 6 on top of dc, ch 3, dc in next st, ch 3, sk 2 sts, a sc, repeat from * around (in lp of point make 4 dc).

Center: Ch 8 (for a tr and ch 4), * sk 2 sps, tr in st, ch 4, repeat from * around.

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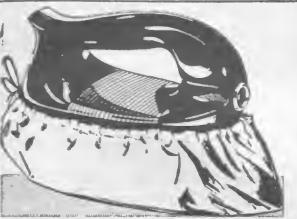
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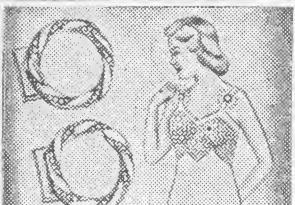
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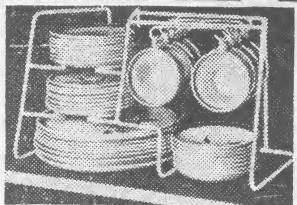
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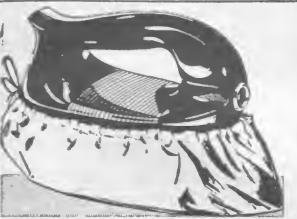
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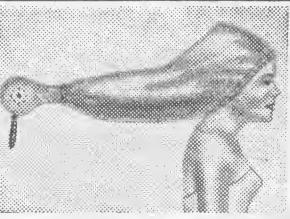
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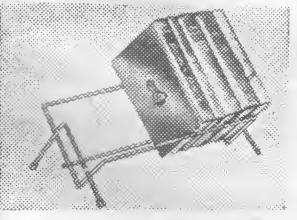
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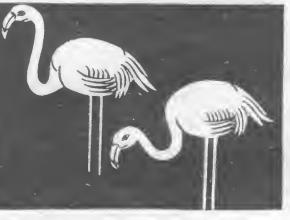
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Row 3: Ch 3 (for a dc), dc in each dc, every 5th dc work off 2 dc together, continue around, join.

Row 4: Ch 10 (for a dc and ch 7), * sk 6 dc, dc in next, ch 7, repeat from * around.

Row 5: Sl st to center of ch, ch 8 (for a dc and a ch 5), * dc in center of ch, ch 5, repeat from * around.

Row 6: Sl st to center of ch, ch 5 (for a dc and ch 2), * dc in center of ch, ch 2, repeat around.

Row 7: Work same as previous rows only ch 1 between dcs.

Row 8: Make a tr in every other sp around. Join and fasten off.

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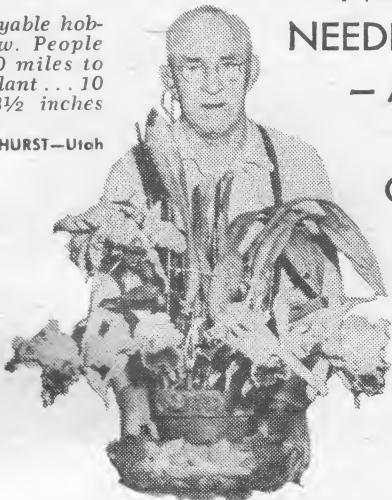
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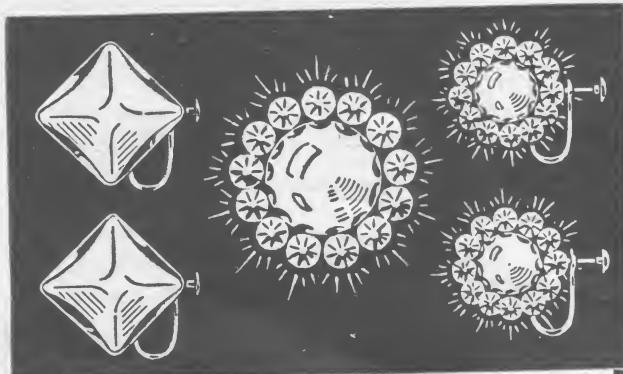
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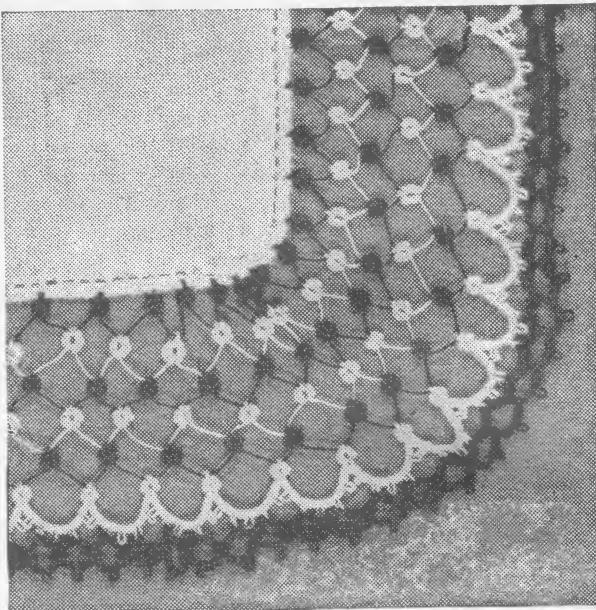


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Make another row of black, another row of white. Make the fifth row black.

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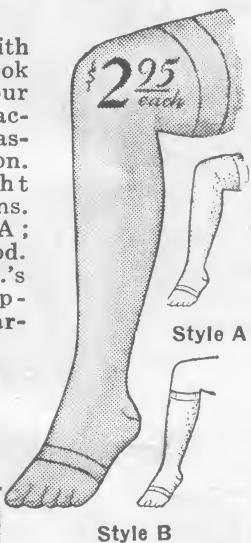
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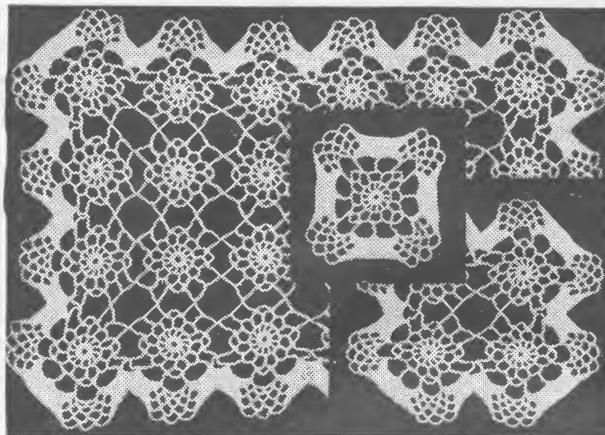
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Motif: Ch 6, sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1: 12 sc in ring, join with sl st in first sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 5, a dc in first st, * ch 2, dc in next st, repeat from * around, end with a ch 2. Join last ch 2 to third st of first ch 5 made (12 sps).

Rnd 3: Sl st in first st of ch 2, ch 8, dc over next ch 2, * ch 5, dc over next ch, repeat from * joining last ch 5 to third st of first ch 8.

Rnd 4: Sl st in first 2 sts of ch, ch 1, a sc, * ch 5, 2 sc over next ch, ch 11, a tr at center of next ch, ch 11, 2 sc over next ch, repeat from * around.

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third st, sc in top of tr, and ch 3 between scallops, over each ch at corner make 10 sc.

Rnd 2: 10 sc, ch 4, a sc in second st of ch 9, ch 4, sk 2 sts, a sc in next st, make 4 eh lps in all, 10 sc. Between scallops 3 sc over the ch 3. At corners sk 1 st, 18 sc.

Rnd 3: 7 sc, ch 5, a sc in first lp, * ch 5, sc in next lp, repeat from *, 5 lps in all, 7 sc. Between scallops sk 2 sts and make a sc in middle one of the 3 sc. At corners 16 sc.

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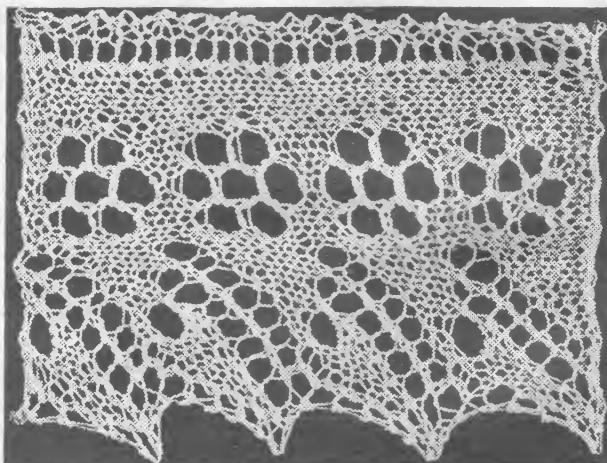
Rnd 5: 11 sc (3 in lp), ch 7 for lps
(3 lps in all), 11 sc (3 in last lp). Be-
tween scallops sk 2 sts. Make 24 sc at
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(slip); sts (stitches).

Cast on 25 sts and k across plain.

Row 1: Sl 1, k 1, O, k 2 tog, k 11,
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twice, O, k 2 tog. 25 sts.

Row 2: K 4, (k 1, p 1 in first lp,
k 1, p 1 in second lp)—making 4 sts
in the 2 lps, k 19. 27 sts.

Row 3: Sl 1, k 1, O, k 2 tog, k 5,
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Row 6: K 14, p 1, k 3, p 1, k 8. 27 sts.

Row 7: Sl 1, k 1, O, k 2 tog, k 5, k 2 tog, O twice, k 2 tog, k 5, (O, k 2 tog) twice, k 2, k 2 tog, O, k 1. 27 sts.

Row 8: K 16, p 1, k 10. 27 sts.

Row 9: Sl 1, k 1, O, k 2 tog, k 3, k 2 tog, O twice, (k 2 tog) twice, O twice, k 2 tog, k 4, (O, k 2 tog) twice, k 1, k 2 tog, O, k 1. 27 sts.

Row 10: K 14, p 1, k 3, p 1, k 8. 27 sts.

Row 11: Sl 1, k 1, O, k 2 tog, k 5, k 2 tog, O twice, k 2 tog, k 7, (O, k 2 tog) twice, k 2 tog, O, k 1. 27 sts.

Row 12: K 16, p 1, k 10. 27 sts.

Row 13: Sl 1, k 1, O, k 2 tog, k 17, (O, k 2 tog) twice, k 2 tog. 26 sts. Now sl the second st from end over the last st.

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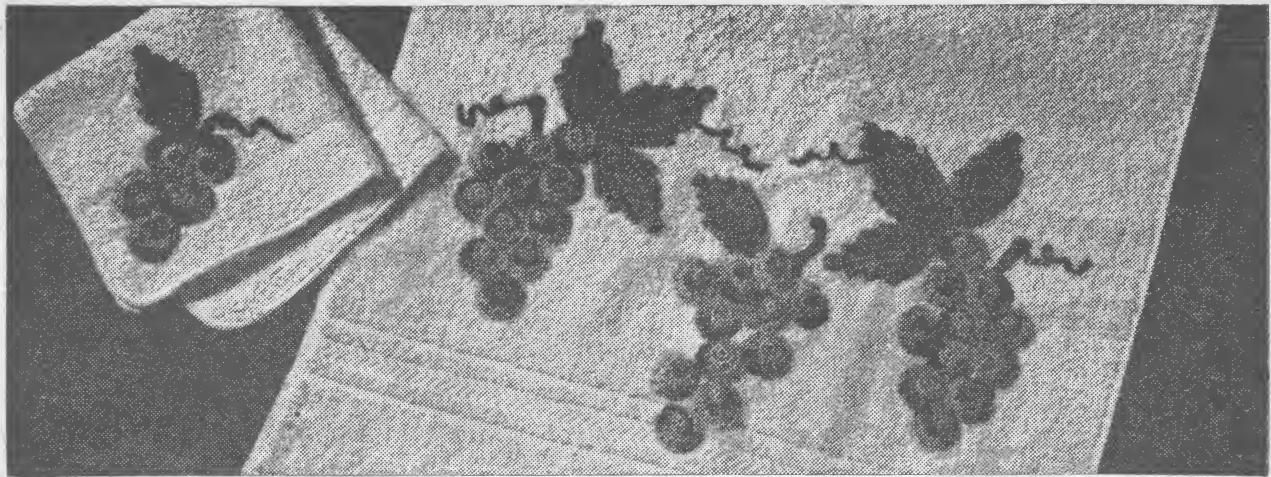
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Grape Bunch—Grape (Make 38): Starting at center with shaded dark blues, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 8 sc in first ch.

Rnd 2: Sc in each of next 2 sc, in next sc make an hdc and dc, 2 dc in each of next 2 sc, in next sc make dc and hdc, sc in each of next 2 sc.

Rnd 3: Sc in each of next 3 sts, in next st make hdc and dc, 2 dc in each of next 4 sts, in next st make dc and hdc, sc in each of next 3 sc, sl st in first sc. Join and fasten off.

Large Leaf (Make 2): Starting at tip of leaf with green, ch 20.

Row 1: Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across, 5 sc in last ch, now, working along opposite side of starting chain make sc in each ch across, 3 sc in last ch; working in back lp of each sc, make sc in each sc to within 3 sc from center sc of 5-sc group at tip. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Sc in back lp of each sc to within 3 sc from center sc at tip, making 3 sc in back lp of center sc of the 3 sc group. Ch 1, turn.

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Small Leaf (Make 6): Starting at tip, ch 15, and work as for large leaf until 6 rows are completed.

Stem (Make 3): With brown, ch 15, dc in 5th ch from hook, hdc in next ch, sc in each ch across. Join and fasten off. Join brown to lp formed by turning ch and make a ch 2½ inches long. Make a 4th stem same as before, omitting the ch at the end.

With brown make 2 extra chains, each 2½ inches long. Form 3 bunches of grapes for the towel, having 11 grapes for each bunch and arranging them as in illustration and join by sewing. Sew leaves, stems and chains in place as shown.

Arrange and sew 5 remaining grapes to form a small bunch at corner of wash cloth. Sew small leaf and stem in place.

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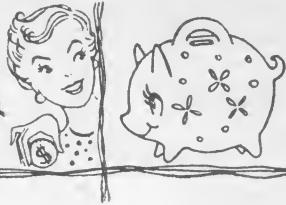
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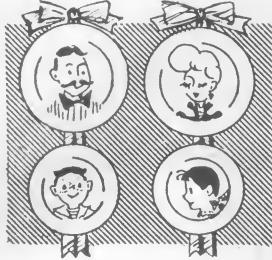


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Mrs. Don Behar

Gay Ninety Plates

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Mrs. Ruth Tumblison

Gay Garden Gloves

Just for fun I made a garden enthusiast friend a pair of decorated work gloves for a birthday gift. She was so delighted I made them for other friends, and then people asked me if I would make them to sell. They are fun to wear in the garden, or to give as an inexpensive remembrance. I buy the plain white cotton work gloves at our supermarket for twenty-five cents per pair. On some I applique fake fingernails cut from bright red or pink felt. Then I sew sequins and beads around one finger for a jeweled ring. Others, I decorate with small flowers cut from felt, with green leaves and embroidered stems. Small bird and animal cutouts make cute decorations, too, and the gloves are quickly finished, because little sewing is needed. I get seventy-five cents a pair for them.

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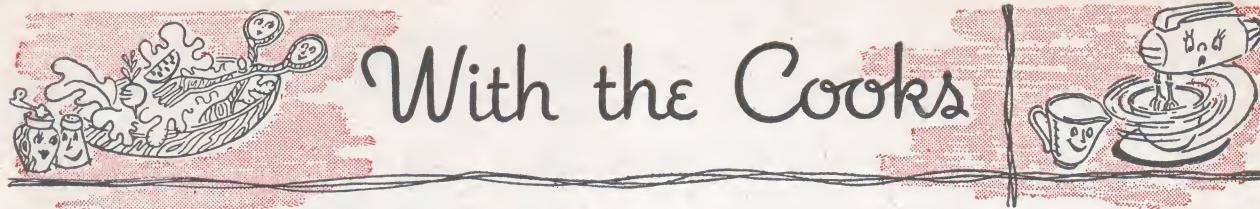
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Molded Tomato Salad

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Dash of pepper
1 tablespoon plain gelatin
1/4 cup cold water
1 cup diced cucumber
1/3 cup sliced stuffed olives

Simmer tomato juice with bay leaves for 15 minutes. Remove bay leaves; add seasonings and lemon juice. Add gelatin which has been softened in cold water. Stir until gelatin is dissolved. Chill until mixture begins to set; then add diced cucumber and olives. Pour into individual molds and chill until firm. Unmold on lettuce leaves and top with mayonnaise or salad dressing. Serves 6 or 7.

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Lenten Salad

2 cups shredded salmon
1 1/4 cups cubed cooked potatoes
1/2 cup sweet pickle relish
1 cup diced celery
1 tablespoon horseradish
1 tablespoon minced onion
Salt and pepper
Mayonnaise dressing

Combine salmon, celery, potatoes, relish, horseradish and onion. Season with salt and pepper. Moisten with mayonnaise and mix lightly with two forks. Serve on crisp lettuce.

Mrs. D. C. Lutz
Wisconsin

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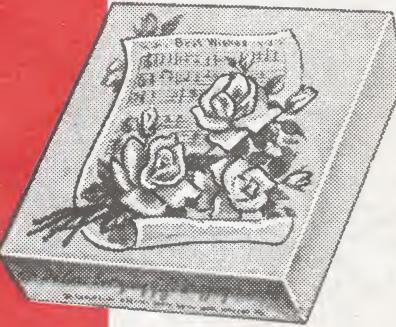
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GETTING SAUCY WITH MAIN DISH, VEGETABLE, DESSERT

We are still remembering how we ached from food on Christmas, New Year's Day, and from leftovers thereafter. Fortunately, the Lenten season which follows Christmas so closely is a little "leaner" along the food line. Though our thoughts about food are more conservative now, we need not let down entirely. Sauces will make something special out of a simple meal.

Do you think that making a sauce is just one extra thing to do at the last minute in meal preparation? The truth is, many of them are very simple to make even when you start from scratch.

Others are very quickly prepared by starting with a can of soup. Add less milk to any of the cream soups and suit your taste by adding herbs, seasonings, nuts or maybe raw celery to crisp the sauce a little. Now is a good time to practice on sauces. Your garden is not calling just yet, the youngsters are still in school and the spring house cleaning will wait for warmer weather. Gather your sauce pan and stirring spoon, and let us get to work.

Remember that the sauce is just an accompaniment; it should harmonize but not overpower. The flavor of the fish, meat, vegetable or dessert should be the top one and the sauce goes along. Color often adds considerable attractiveness to the sauce. In sauces using flour, brown the flour to have a rich brown color. Sweet sauces can often be colored with a little caramel. Sieve the egg yolk over a cream egg sauce so the bright yellow color really shows. Be a little adventuresome in combining foods and sauces. After all, you will never know how well hollandaise sauce accompanies fish if you serve it only with asparagus and broccoli.

Do not neglect the rules for proper cooking of the vegetables and fish themselves. A sauce on top will not make a tasty dish of a limp, soggy vegetable, or a dry, flabby fish. The biggest fault in vegetable cookery is



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over-cooking. Use freshly boiling water (as little as possible) for a short length of time (just until the vegetable is crisply tender). Fish cookery is just as simple: fish is cooked to develop its flavor, not to make it tender. Fish are born tender, and cooking will never make them more so. Too much cooking will only rob the fish of its juices and leave it dry and flabby. Fish takes on flavors best while it is actually cooking, so if you wish to enhance the flavor of a rather bland fish, do it while cooking. Butter, olive oil, sweet cream and sour cream are flavors that go with fish.

Cream sauce (some call it "white sauce") is usually the first kind to come to mind, probably because variations of it are served with everything—fish, meats, vegetables or desserts. To your favorite recipe make a few changes. For a meat or fish sauce use part milk and part broth, season well with salt, pepper and monosodium glutamate, add a little lemon juice and an egg yolk (for color and richness) and a pinch of nutmeg. Remember the soups as a base for speedy sauces. Thin them to your liking and add a touch of this or that—for example, prepared mustard for mustard sauce, curry powder for curry sauce. Use stock instead of milk or water and add carrot, onion, bay leaf and parsley for a mock Bechamel sauce.

Mayonnaise can be the basis for a sauce, too. Thin mayonnaise with lemon juice (or herb vinegar), add a couple of dashes of prepared mustard and heat. This is good on vegetables. An equally good sauce for fish is mayonnaise thinned with lemon juice or vinegar and a hard cooked egg diced and added with a little pickle relish.

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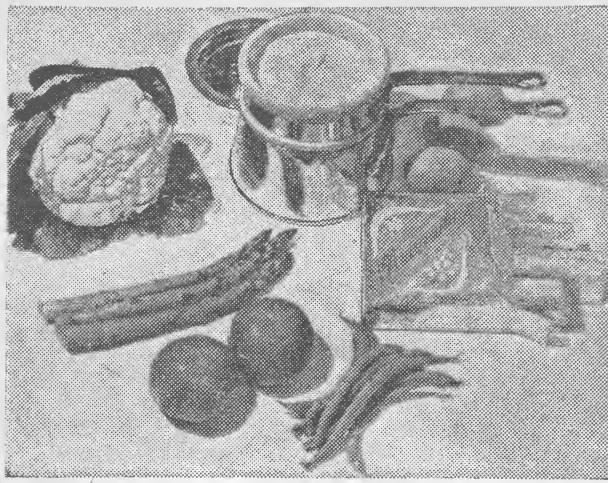
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syrup and add three or four tablespoons of water. Take your choice of flavor from your pantry and you can have a dressed-up dessert with a few quick swishes.

Here are some "saucy" recipes that will put you in a class with the best cooks of France, to whom the sauce is an exalted tradition.

Good Hollandaise

Hollandaise does require special effort if it is to compare with the French version. The trick is to use a double boiler always and keep the water below the boiling point. Add cold water from time to time when the water begins to boil. A second secret is never to let the water touch the bottom of the pan the sauce is in.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter or margarine
- 2 egg yolks
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup light cream

Melt the butter or margarine in the top of double boiler set over hot (not boiling) water. Add the salt and lemon juice to the egg yolks, mix well but do not beat. Stir this mixture into the melted butter or margarine. Beat egg mixture with a rotary beater until thickened. Add the cream and con-

tinue beating 2 minutes longer. Serves 6 to 8.

Sure Hollandaise

- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup boiling water
- 4 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 egg yolks
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch

Melt butter or margarine in top of double boiler, add water and lemon juice. Beat egg yolks slightly and mix in cornstarch. Add hot butter mixture to egg mixture, stirring constantly. Pour into double boiler top and cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Serves 6.

Lemon Butter

- 4 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 4 teaspoons lemon juice
- 4 teaspoons chopped parsley
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt

Soften but do not melt butter or margarine, add parsley and salt. Add lemon juice slowly. The heat of the food will melt the butter and cause it to seep into the meat, fish or vegetable.

Potato Cream Sauce

- 1 cup medium cream sauce
- 2 teaspoons minced parsley

Add the parsley to the cream sauce, heat and serve over boiled potatoes. Serves 4.

Halibut Sauce

(This sauce can be used on any similar fish.)

- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 3 tablespoons grated onion
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups light cream
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup grated Swiss cheese
- 2 teaspoons chopped parsley
- $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon nutmeg
- Dash of cayenne pepper

Melt the butter or margarine, add

the onions and sauté until golden. Add the flour and stir until smooth. Gradually add the cream, stirring constantly. Cook until mixture reaches boiling point, stirring. Reduce heat to low and cook 10 minutes. Add remaining ingredients except parsley and cook 5 minutes longer. Stir in parsley just before serving and pour over chunks of halibut or similar fish. Serves 4 to 6.

Rich Chocolate Sauce

1/4 cup butter or margarine
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1/2 cup and 2 tablespoons evaporated milk
4 ounces chocolate, chopped fine

Melt butter or margarine in top of double boiler. Add sugar and blend. Add milk and chocolate, mix well. Cook for about 30 minutes in double boiler. Makes about 1 cup sauce. Serve hot over ice cream or pudding.

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Lemon Hard Sauce

4 tablespoons soft butter or
margarine
1 cup confectioner's sugar
1 egg, well beaten
1½ teaspoons grated lemon rind
1 tablespoon lemon juice

Blend butter or margarine and sugar. Add remaining ingredients and beat to fluffiness. Chill. Serve on top of warm apple pie.

Cranberry-Cinnamon Sauce

1½ cups water
2-inch stick of cinnamon
½ teaspoon salt
⅔ cup of sugar
1 cup fresh cranberries

Combine water, sugar, cinnamon and salt in saucepan. Bring to a boil, stir until sugar is dissolved. Simmer syrup 15 minutes. Add cranberries and cook until skins pop (about 5 minutes). Chill. Serve over freshly poached winter pears. Serves 4.

Basic Sauce

3 tablespoons flour
3 tablespoons butter or margarine
3 egg yolks, slightly beaten
1½ cups fish stock
Salt and pepper to taste
1 cup light cream

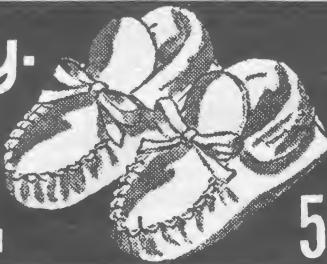
Melt butter or margarine in saucepan. Add flour and cook until slightly browned. Gradually stir in the fish stock and stir constantly until sauce is thickened. Season with salt and pepper to taste and cook 10 minutes. Add cream to egg yolks and beat well. Gradually stir the egg mixture into the butter mixture, stirring constantly until sauce is smooth. Be careful not to let the sauce boil after the egg yolks have been added. Makes 2 cups. To this basic sauce, for variation, add ½ cup of any one of the following: shrimp, lobster, clam or oysters. Such a sauce will add zest to an omelet, for instance.

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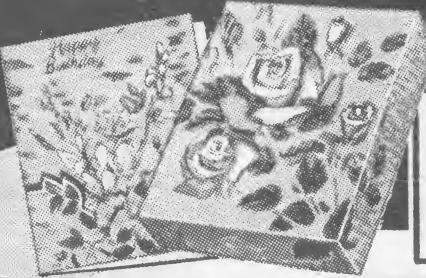
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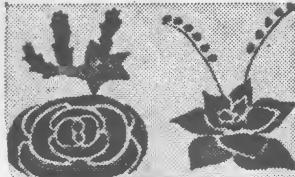


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Recently my prayer plant began to wilt so I took it from the soil and found five small ball-like growths by the roots. One of the balls has a white shoot coming from it. Is there a disease causing these growths? M. J. K., Michigan.

The prayer plant, Maranta, belongs to the arrow-root family and has a fleshy type of root growth. The ball-like growths are really rhizomes and do not indicate any disease. The wilting is more likely due to overwatering in a poorly drained container. The plants require high humidity and a well drained soil, regularly watered.

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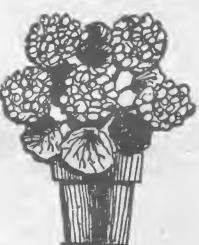
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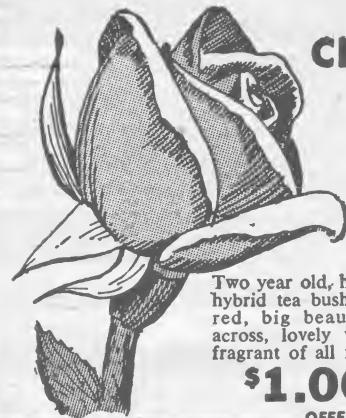
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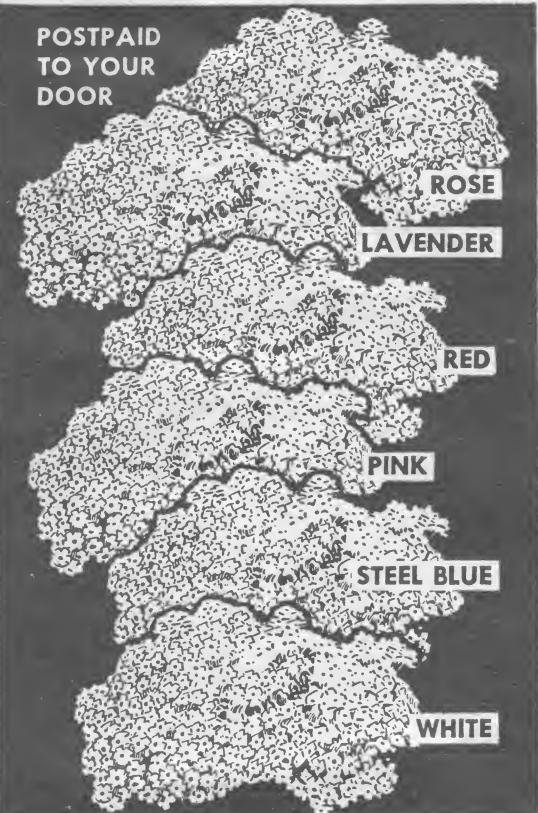
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The improper development of your tulip bulbs may be attributed to either diseased bulbs or a variety of tulips not suitable for forcing. Some varieties of tulips are just not suitable for forcing and instead of blooming go to pieces as you have described. Diseased bulbs often develop in the manner you have described. Try purchasing top quality bulbs and specify bulbs for forcing. Get such varieties as Bartigon, Golden Harvest, Her Grace, Paul Richter, Cordell Hull, and Phillip Snowden, all excellent forcing varieties. If the bulbs are from a reliable Dutch firm you are not likely to have trouble. Generally speaking, good bulbs are easy to force into bloom after the middle of February.

I have a snowball bush which I want to stay at a height of between 5 and 6 feet. I have trimmed the top twice in early spring. It produces large blooms around the sides but none on top. Tell me how to prune it so it will bloom on top also. Mrs. R. S., Oregon.

Prune a snowball bush as soon as it is through blooming, even though it is in full leaf and growing. New growths start shortly after the bush is pruned and by fall the new bloom buds will be formed. Wherever you prune a branch in the spring you remove the dormant bloom along with the wood.

Would you suggest some things that I might grow on my terrace garden 11 stories up here in New York City? The sun reaches my plants from noon until sundown. Considerable heat is thrown off by the bricks of the building, and the wind is quite strong. S.R., New York.

For perennials try Phlox subulata, Dianthus, Gypsophila repens, Iberis, Cerastium tomentosum, Arabis alpina, Daphne, Iris pumila, sedums and veronicas. For annuals try sweet alyssum, dwarf marigolds, nasturtiums, annual phlox, petunia and verbena.

Will aluminum foil wrapped around a flower pot kill the plant? I had several plants die for me, and wondered if that was the reason. M. M. F., New Jersey.

Aluminum foil wrapped around a flower pot will not kill the plant. Heavy double faced foil sometimes used by florists will prevent water from draining from the pot freely. Punch a hole in the foil covering the drainage hole in the pot and there will be no trouble with drainage. A foil covered pot does not require as much watering as a pot without a cover for foil prevents transpiration of water through the pot. This is not good for the plant but is not excessively harmful.

My strawberry barrel was whitewashed on the outside, but the white has worn off and I would like to paint it. The barrel has plants in it. Will painting the barrel hurt the plants, and is there any special kind of paint I should use?

Mrs. W. F. B.

Painting the strawberry barrel will not hurt the plants. Use care, of course, not to get paint on the plants and use a paint free from any creosote fumes. Ordinary white lead and oil is entirely satisfactory.

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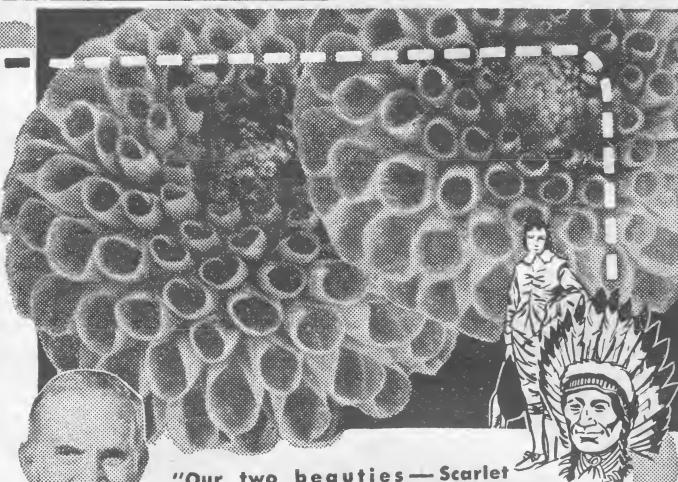
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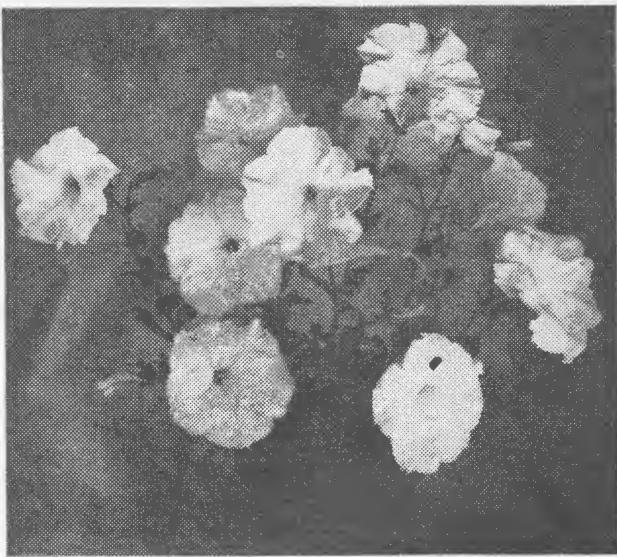
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My African violets have not bloomed since last May, and are at a complete standstill. I repotted them recently and found that most of them had almost no roots. What could have caused this condition? Mrs. H. M., Michigan.

Something is being done wrong if African violets go out of bloom all summer.

Of course, the heat of summer and the accompanying dry air tend to slow up their growth, but cooler weather with more atmospheric moisture usually stimulates growth and blooms. First, they must have the right kind of soil, the kind used for potting ferns, or gloxinias. Then they must be watered properly. Don't have water standing at the base of the pot keeping the soil saturated with water. This causes them to lose their root systems almost entirely and is probably the cause of your trouble. Use only enough water to keep the soil moist and pour off any surplus water that drains into the saucer after watering.

Would you tell me how to care for a pineapple plant? It is two years old. A small pineapple came on it and is now dried up. Should I cut it off or let it fall off? Will it ever bear another one? Mrs. E. C. W., Connecticut.

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I have a large rubber plant. It is four feet high, with a short main stalk and two limbs. I would like to cut the tallest limb off and root it, as it is very crooked. Would this hurt the plant, and will the cutting take root? Mrs. L. L., Oklahoma.

Cutting a limb off the rubber tree will not hurt the plant. The branch removed may be rooted. With a sharp knife cut through the stem at a leaf node about 8 inches from the tip. Remove only the one leaf where you make the cut. Plant the cutting in soil that is mostly peat and loam. Keep it slightly moist but not wet and keep it out of drafts. Almost always such a cutting will root and grow.

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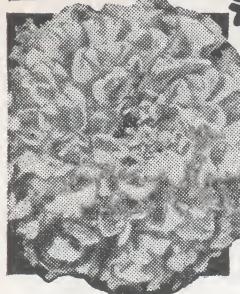
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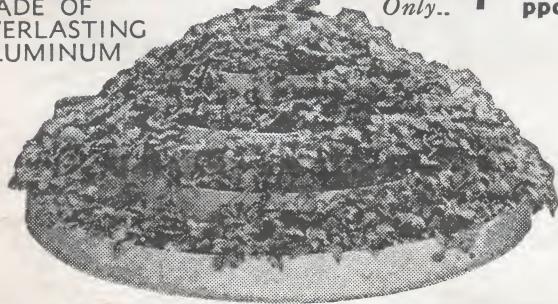
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SOIL—Two parts sand, 2 parts loam, 2 parts leaf mold or humus, $\frac{1}{2}$ part dried cow manure, 1 five-inch pot bone meal to each bushel of mixture.



WATER—Water it freely and give it humid conditions. Be sure pot has good drainage.

HEAT—Prefers warmth — around 70°.

LIGHT—No sun required, but will grow in partial sun if adjusted to it gradually. North window would be ideal.

PROPAGATION—Plant stem cuttings in mixture of sand and peat or leaf mold, in a warm place. Overgrown specimens may be air layered towards top of stem and started over.

COMMENT—These are not actually Philodendrons, although they do belong to the same family (Aroids). Large plants should have a strong support.

Crown of Thorns

SOIL—One part loam, 1 part sand, 1 part leafmold, 1 part crushed bricks or mortar rubble, with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup bone meal per peck of mixture.



WATER—Water lightly the year around. Keep plant a little dryer in November and December, when it should be watered only about every two weeks.

HEAT—Dryness and warmth suit this plant.

LIGHT—Full sun. A south window is ideal.

PROPAGATION—Plant stem cuttings of the new growth in soil.

COMMENT—Winter is when this plant normally blooms most freely. During summer put plant outdoors in half shade.

Shrimp Plant

(*Beloperone*)

SOIL—Two parts sand, 2 parts loam, 2 parts leaf mold, $\frac{1}{2}$ part dried cow manure, about a five-inch potful of bone meal to each bushel of mixture. Use 6-inch pots for large specimens.



WATER—Give plenty of water, but be sure the pot is well drained.

HEAT—Enjoys a warm atmosphere.

LIGHT—Full sunlight. South window is ideal.

PROPAGATION—Stem cuttings are easily rooted in sand or soil.

COMMENT—Natural blooming time starts in late spring, continues over a long period. In summer sink pot outdoors in half shade. In fall, cut the plant back and repot it. Plants tend to become gangling with age. When this happens, start new plants from cuttings of the old one, and pinch back tops to induce branching.

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Luckily, there are plants besides grass that will grow in such places. They are classed as ground covers. Some of them are trailing or vining sorts and some are low upright-growing woody or perennial plants. Some stay green all winter, and some lose their leaves or die down. Some must be in the sun, others should have the shade—some will tolerate either.

The chart lists eight of the all-around best ground cover plants, from the standpoint of being hardy and

Some Good Ground Covers

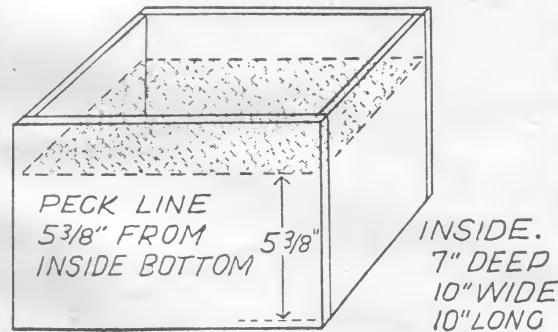
	Type of Plant	Flower	Hardiness	Sun or Shade	Remarks	Propagate
Goutweed (<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>)	perennial	white, spring	north to Canada, west to great plains	sun or shade	variegated leaf, good for edging	root divisions
Bugleweed (<i>Ajuga</i>)	creeping perennial	blue, spring	throughout U. S.	sun or shade	spreads fast	divisions
Moneywort, Creeping Charlie (<i>Lysimachia</i>)	creeping perennial	yellow, summer	hardy except northern-most states	shade	sometimes a pest	cuttings in soil or water
Japanese spurge (<i>Pachysandra terminalis</i>)	evergreen	white, spring	hardy except northern-most states, west to Kansas	filtered sun or shade	will grow under pines	root divisions, cuttings
Myrtle (<i>Vinca minor</i>)	trailing evergreen	blue or white, spring	hardy except northern-most states, west to great plains	filtered sun or shade	popular	cuttings or divisions
English or Baltic Ivy (<i>Hedera helix</i> or <i>baltica</i>)	vining evergreen		hardy in New England, Michigan, west to Nebraska if planted on north of buildings	shade		stem cuttings
Winter Creeper (<i>Euonymous fortunei</i>)	trailing woody evergreen		hardy in north and west if protected	part sun or shade	clip back if bushiness is desired	cuttings or rooted runners
Memorial Rose (<i>Rosa wichuriana</i>)	trailing, woody half-evergreen	white, spring	hardy except northern-most states	sun	for broad slopes or banks	layering, division

reliable, attractive and self-contained. Even though you needn't mow a ground cover, don't think your work is over when you plant one. Most kinds benefit from being mulched with peat or leafmold occasionally, fertilized, and kept clean of weeds, volunteer trees, sticks and debris. Attention twice a year is the minimum if you wish to keep the area looking presentable. You will find in these "trouble spots", that maintaining a ground cover is far less work and expense than trying to keep grass there. And the result will be better.

GARDEN HOW-TO

How to Measure a Peck

Usually the recipe for a potting mixture assumes you are making it in one peck amounts. To speed up potting work and insure accuracy, you should have a peck mixing box.



Make it with an inside measure of 10 inches by 10 inches by 7 inches high. Mark or score the inside 5 3/8 inches up from the bottom. When the mixture fills the box to this mark, it will measure one peck. (The extra height is so you can stir without spilling.)

One peck of a potting mixture is enough to fill:

- 4 6-inch pots
- 7 5-inch pots
- almost 13 4-inch pots
- 32 3-inch pots
- 48 2 1/2-inch pots

*One peck = 1/4 of a bushel = 8 quarts
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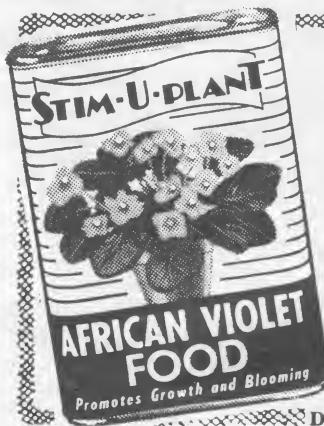
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Violet

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For a quilt, we suggest working designs on 8 by 9 inch white blocks, alternating them in the quilt with plain white or pastel blocks of the same size. Depending on the size of finished quilt, you will probably need three or four blocks of each flower. For hand painting, trace flower lightly on material, outline in textile paint using pointed water color brush or ball point textile pen. Dry brush technique will give a fine shaded effect. To dry brush, dip tip of brush in paint and brush across a blotter or cloth until excess is removed, then apply paint to design by brushing away from the edge or portion which should be darker.

To embroider, use outline stitch for all lines except the centers of flowers, which should be a French knot. To applique, trace each flower on material, work details in embroidery, then cut out around outline and applique in place. Leaves should be done in the same way, and appliqued on first where a flower comes over it. For needlepoint, transfer the design to needlepoint canvas and follow all lines as closely as possible with needlepoint stitches.

Make leaves a rich green, a shade lighter on the under sides that show, stems and calyxes green with a thread of yellow, flowers lavender shading darker toward the center, centers yellow.

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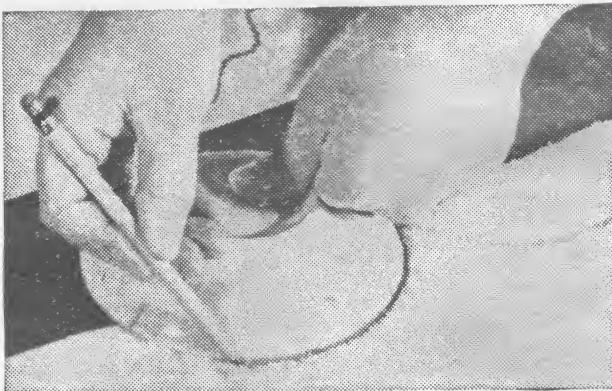
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Ethel Day

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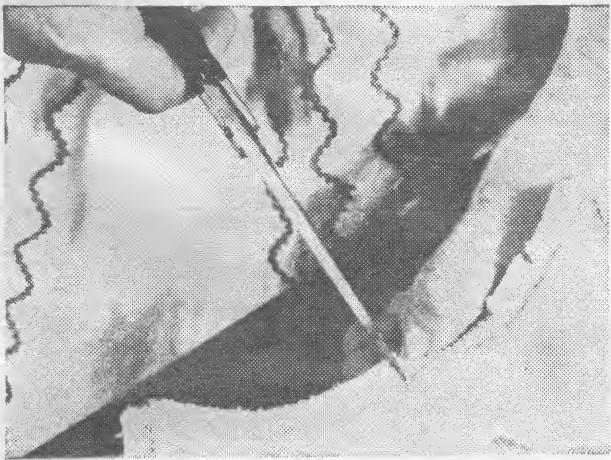
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2. Stitch along pencil lines after checking and adjusting machine for a good stitch on a scrap of the same material. Be sure to stop machine at each point with the needle in goods. Raise the foot and make a sharp turn into next scallop. Lower foot and stitch next curve. Goods are tacked with pins for stitching.



3. Cut out the scallops leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch seam allowance beyond stitching. Then snip seam allowance through both thicknesses almost to stitching about every inch as in photograph. This permits flat folding of the scallops. Otherwise the scallops will pucker and draw. Now turn the facing inside out and work out the scallops just as you would work on a stiff, new glove finger. Crease the stitched edges flat at seam. Press with a hot iron if need be. Cafe curtains of terry cloth toweling do not need pressing nor future ironing when washed.

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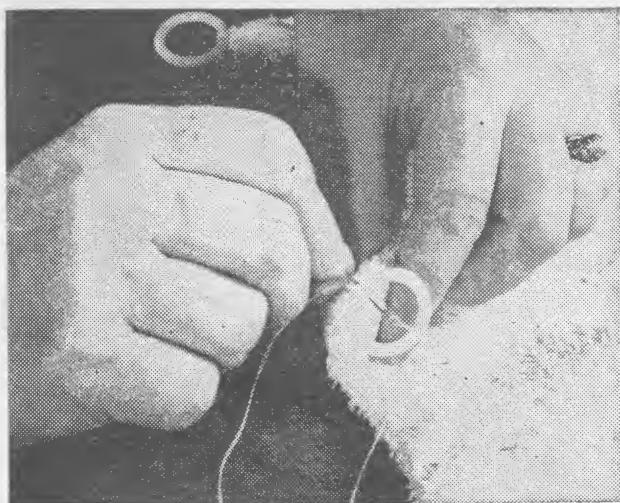
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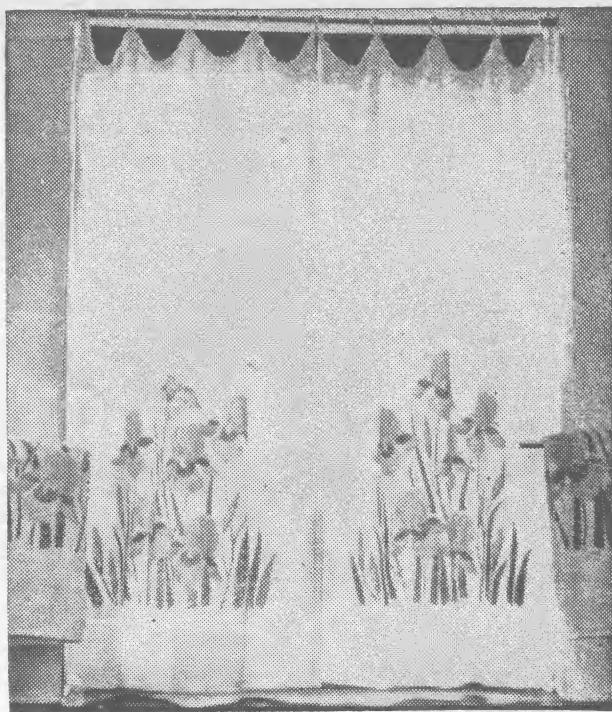
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I would advise beginners, before painting or stenciling a pattern on a tray, to make a practice pattern on cardboard. Using a piece of fairly heavy cardboard, give it two coats of flat black paint, twenty-four hours apart, and proceed to stencil or paint just as though you were working on the tray itself. This will provide good practice and experience.

Preparation of Stencils

While the tray is drying, the stencils may be prepared. Stencils are of two varieties—separate (the whole pattern done with one stencil in one operation), or several stencils used in sequence to form, for example, a bowl of fruit. These patterns may be purchased in art supply stores separately or in booklet form, and many magazines offer inexpensive patterns.

In tracing stencils we use what is called "architect's tracing linen" which may be purchased in art and stationery stores. The pattern should be laid on a flat, smooth surface, and a sheet of linen spread over it, held in place with thumbtacks or scotch masking tape. With a fine drawing pen and India ink, the design should be traced very carefully onto the linen, leaving at least a one-inch margin. For a beginner, I recommend the use of a regular stencil knife with a number 11 blade. In cutting the stencil, place it on a large, thick magazine. Some prefer to use a sheet of glass for this purpose, but if a magazine is used you will work more slowly and are therefore less likely to make slips and spoil the stencil. In cutting curved surfaces

the left hand should be used to turn the paper, allowing for more of a free-hand movement in cutting. If a slip is made it is easy to cover it with scotch tape (on both sides) and re-cut right through the tape. When finished the stencil should be held against a black background to reveal the need of any trimming here and there.

The secret of stenciling is that instead of putting wet paint on a dry surface, dry powders are applied to a slightly wet or tacky surface. After the tray has been given the primer coat and two coats of flat black paint, it should be given a coat of varnish and allowed to dry for two or three hours. Only practice will tell when the surface is just right for stenciling. When the stencil is placed on the slightly tacky varnish it should come away clean, without sticking. Pressure of a finger against it will make a slight "click" when taken away. A surface that is too wet will take too much powder and give a fuzzy impression, while one that is too dry will not take enough powder to give the desired brilliance.

Handling the Bronze Powders

The best way to handle bronze powders is to use a strip of velour, hemmed on all sides (or trimmed with bias tape) to avoid lint, and on it place a small amount of each shade of powder to be used. The shades used most frequently are aluminum, pale gold, and rich gold, and occasionally fire red to touch up flowers and fruit. These fine powders spread easily with the slightest current of air and should not be poured out when the varnished tray is nearby.

Stenciling

A piece of silk velvet, hemmed on all four sides, is used to transfer the powder from the velour to the varnished tray. When the tray is ready for stenciling (and it will depend upon the type of varnish used, and whether



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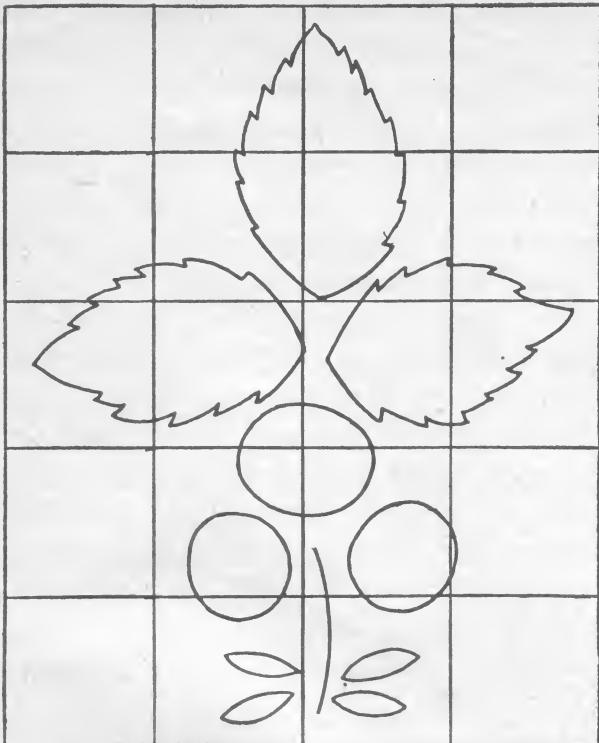
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center. Only the small units in the stencil are completely covered with the powder; the larger areas are shaded. If the beginner will study pictures of designs and completed trays he will see how some parts of a pattern are highlighted in some sections and fade away as a section is meant to appear in the shadow. Some of the old time stencils were done flat, but shading is important as it gives an effect of perspective and makes one piece of a design seem to be behind the other. When you are stenciling only the border of the tray it is well to cut a piece of wax paper the size of the floor of the tray and use it to protect the background from the bronze powders.

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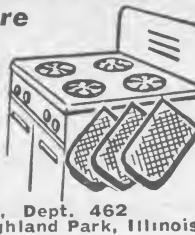
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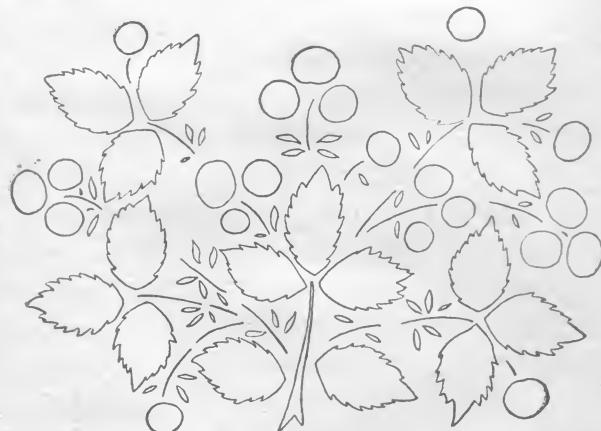
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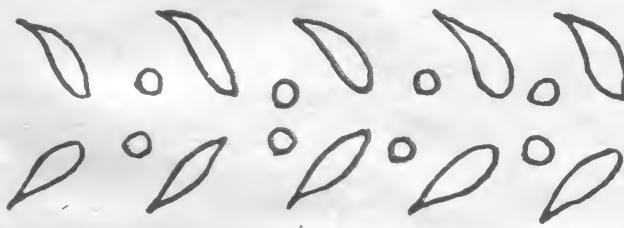
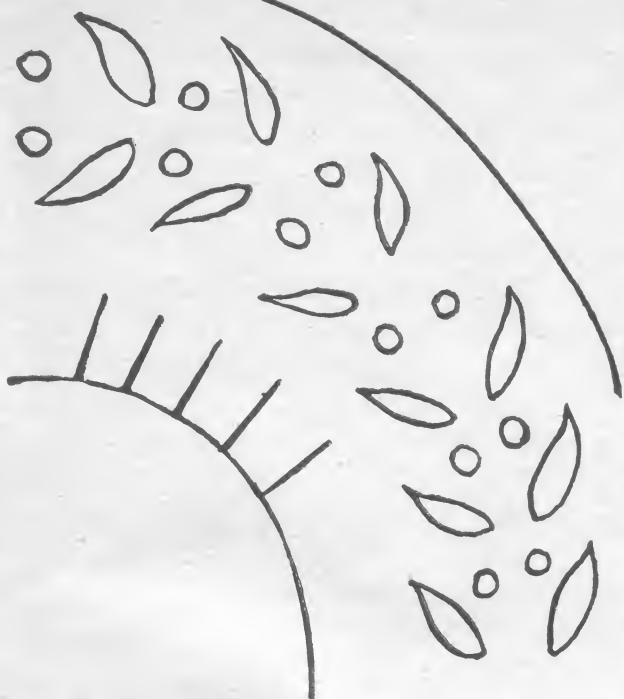
Overpainting

Many of the old time stencils were done with only bronze powders, in gold or silver. Today these powders can be obtained in a variety of shades: copper, brass, aluminum, fire red, blue and green. If additional touches of color are desired transparent oils (in tubes) may be used. This process is called overpainting or glazing. Using a mixture of two parts varnish to one part turpentine, as a painting medium, alizarin crimson, and Indian yellow may be used to color fruits and flowers; viridian green for leaves; and raw umber or burnt sienna for stems, trees, etc. These colors may be applied with



Stencil pattern given on graph should be repeated in this arrangement to complete the design. Where necessary, use a single leaf or cherry from the stencil.

The WORKBASKET



Border. Stenciled in gold or silver powders, leaves overpainted with viridian green, berries with alizarin crimson. To help in laying border on corners of tray, cut slits in pattern where indicated.

a script brush (Number 5 or 8) when the undercoat of varnish and bronze powders is thoroughly dry. Thinly applied so that the bronze powder design shows through, if some of this glaze gets onto the black background of the tray it will hardly be noticeable.

Striping

Around the border and floor of the tray a stripe is laid in old yellow, made by mixing chrome yellow (medium), burnt umber, and varnish. No turpentine is ever used in striping. A special striping brush (without a handle) called a "quill striper" is used for this work. Its long hairs, up to two inches in length, hold a great deal of paint,

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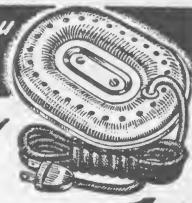
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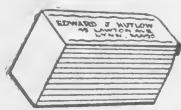
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Stenciling a Tray

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I cannot stress too highly the importance of using a high type of varnish and the finest brush reserved solely for this purpose. A sweater or woolen dress should not be worn when varnishing as tiny specks of lint will get onto the surface of the tray. A tray which has a smooth, satiny finish, free from imperfections, has the best market value. Be sure the flat black is thoroughly dry before rubbing down with steel wool for if the slightest tackiness remains, small particles will stick to it, causing lumps in the finish. Just before varnishing it is well to use a "tack cloth" made by taking a piece of cheese cloth a foot wide and a yard long and sprinkling it with a tablespoonful each of varnish and turpentine, squeezing it all together until the

cloth is well saturated. This is kept in a glass jar, tightly covered. If it is wiped lightly over the tray between coats of varnish, or before coloring, it will pick up dust and lint.

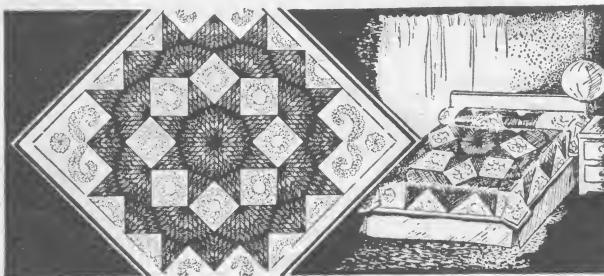
Varnishing should not be attempted on a dull, damp day; the proper temperature is about 70 degrees. Varnishing should not be done in a room which has been recently dusted. The varnish brush should not be rubbed on the sides of the can as this will cause small lumps to appear on the tray surface. When the brush is not in use it should be kept suspended in a jar of turpentine. When putting away cans of varnish or flat black paint, step on the cans to insure their being tightly closed.

A little raw or burnt umber in each successive coat will give the work an aged tone, but beware of using too much and getting a "dirty" effect. Some feel that six coats of varnish are not too many for a tray. I usually apply two coats of varnish, twenty-four hours apart, then rub down lightly with dry pumice and water, then apply two or three more coats, rubbing lightly between coats with fine steel wool. After the final coat has been allowed to harden for several days it is rubbed down with dry pumice and crude oil for a smooth, satiny finish.

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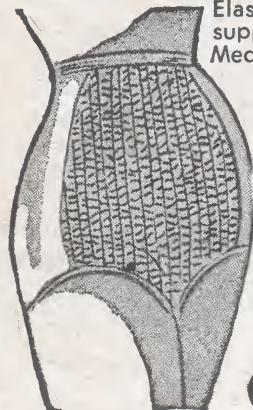


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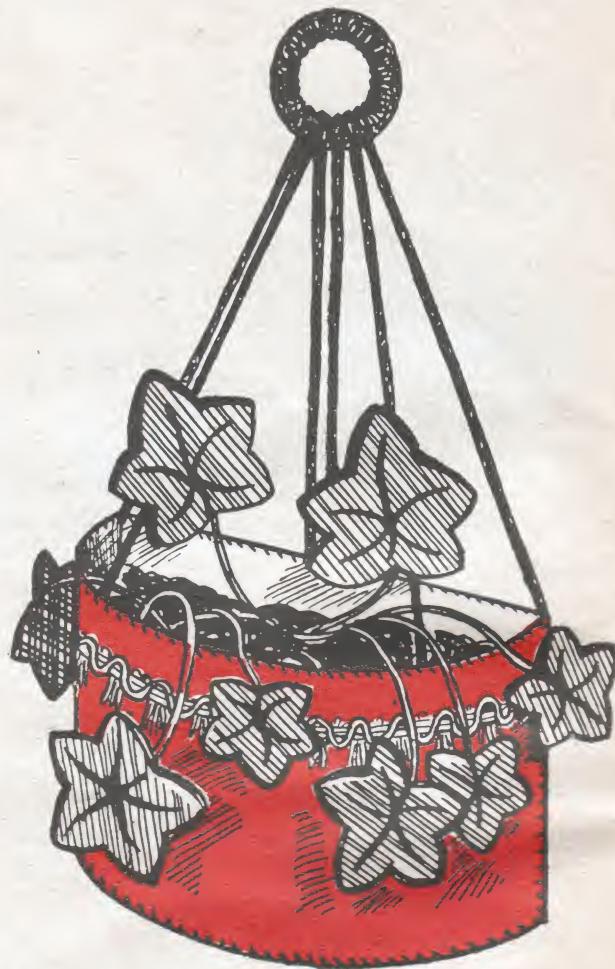
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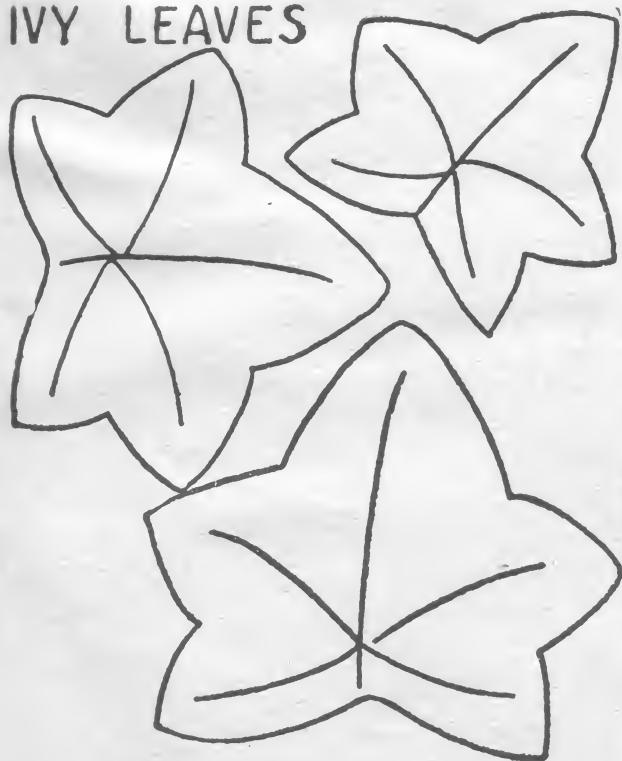
Make pattern for bottom of holder first. Draw a circle 5 inches in diameter. Fold in half, the straight edge is the back and curved edge the front. Now make pattern for back by drawing a rectangle 5 inches by 3 inches. The pattern for front rectangle measures 7 3/4 inches by 3 inches. Cut felt pieces the same size as cardboard pieces. Sew along edge of front section to curved edge of bottom (through cardboard and felt), sew back section to straight edge of bottom, sew front and back side edges together. Cut two strips of contrasting felt, each one inch wide, the length across the back and front pieces. Glue these strips to inside

at top and overcast to front and back.

Crochet three chains, each about 16 inches long, using a heavy cotton crochet thread, for hangers. Single crochet over bone or wire with same thread. Fold chains in half and join to ring with loop knots. Tack the middle double chain to top of center back, tack again on outside $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches below, then make a hole and pull through to inside. Join one end of the two remaining chains to back at corners in same manner, hang on a hook, balance, and tack the two free ends of chains to inside of front.

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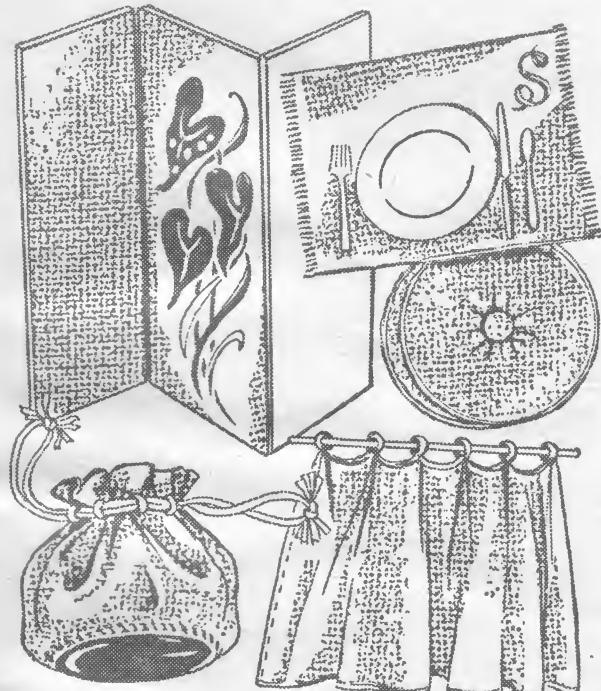
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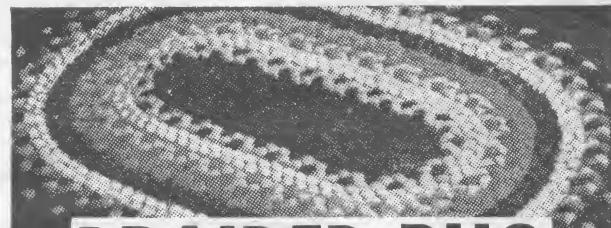
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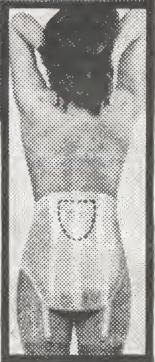
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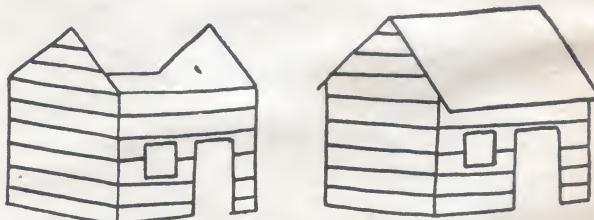
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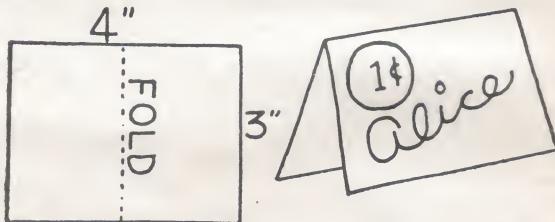
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Even if you aren't having a party, I'm sure you and your friends will enjoy this lively game. Ask for two volunteers, or choose two people. Blindfold each one and give each a small bowl of popcorn and a spoon. At the word "go", they are to start feeding one another the popcorn. Maybe I ought to say they are to try feeding it to each other, for it isn't easy to find a mouth you can't see, and especially if you are both laughing. Do this until all have had a turn. It will be good for a lot of laughs.

The Versatility of Burlap

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into gay and useful accessories for the home and wardrobe. After the bag is ripped apart, stitch raw edges to prevent raveling, then wash and dye the burlap, using any good commercial dye.

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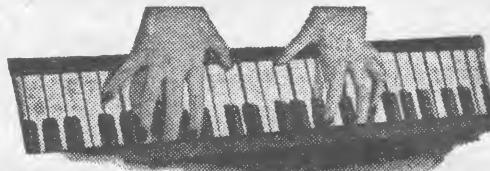
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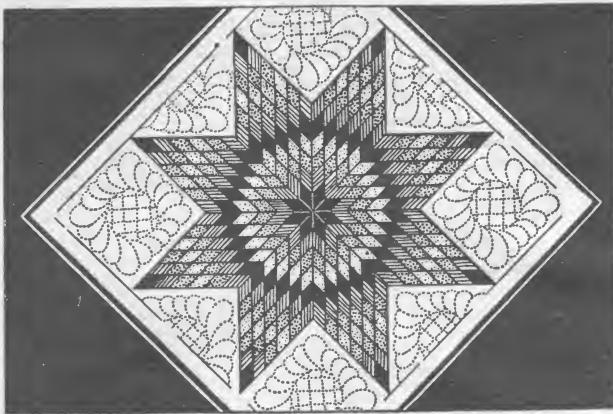
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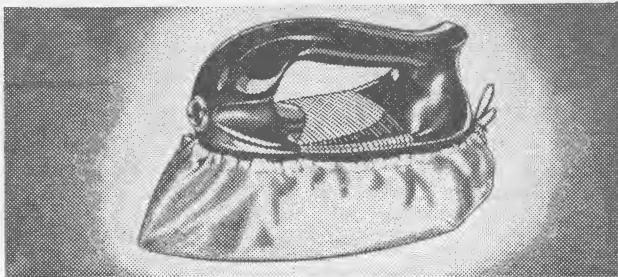
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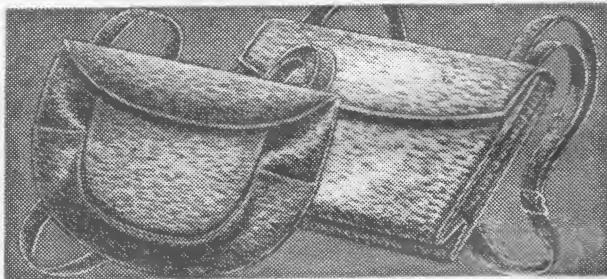
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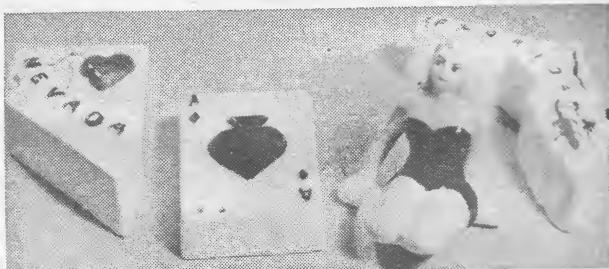
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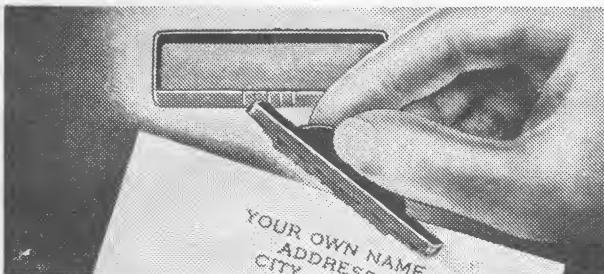
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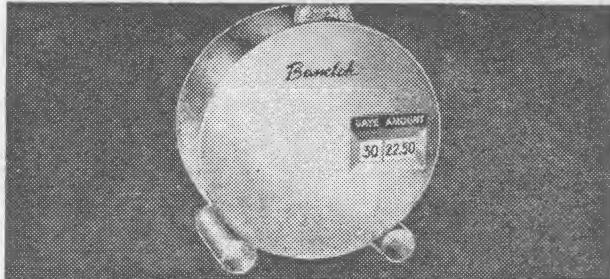
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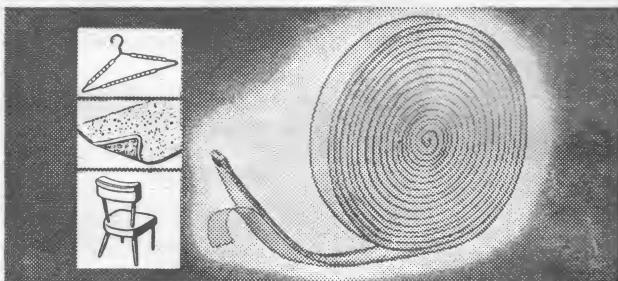
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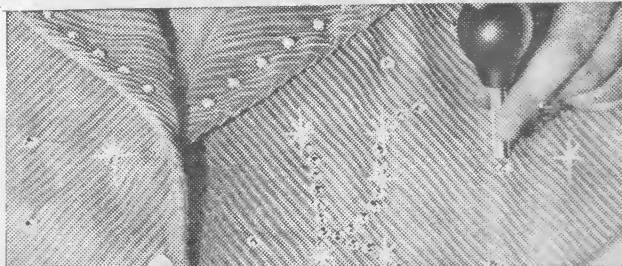
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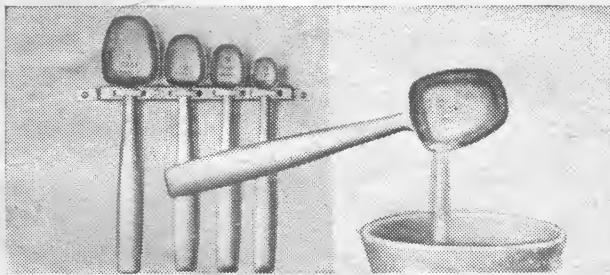
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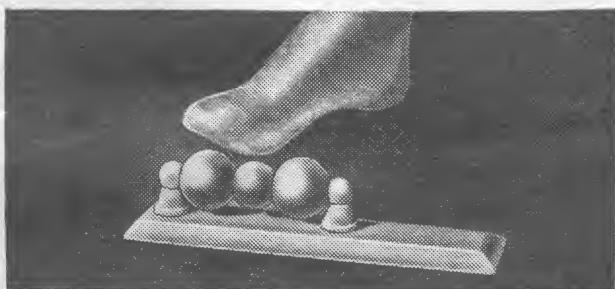
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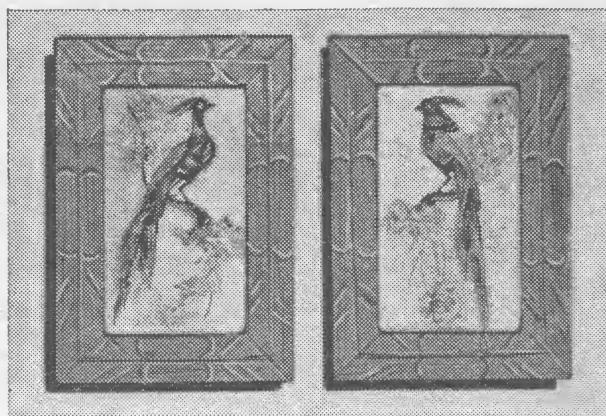
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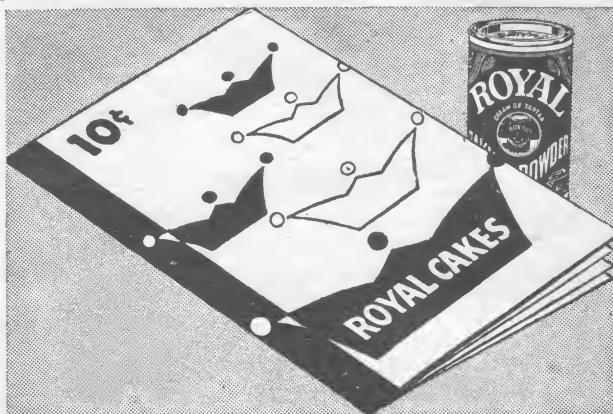
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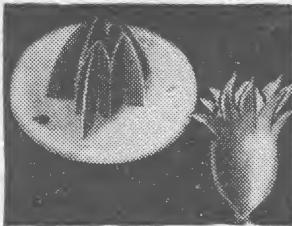
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